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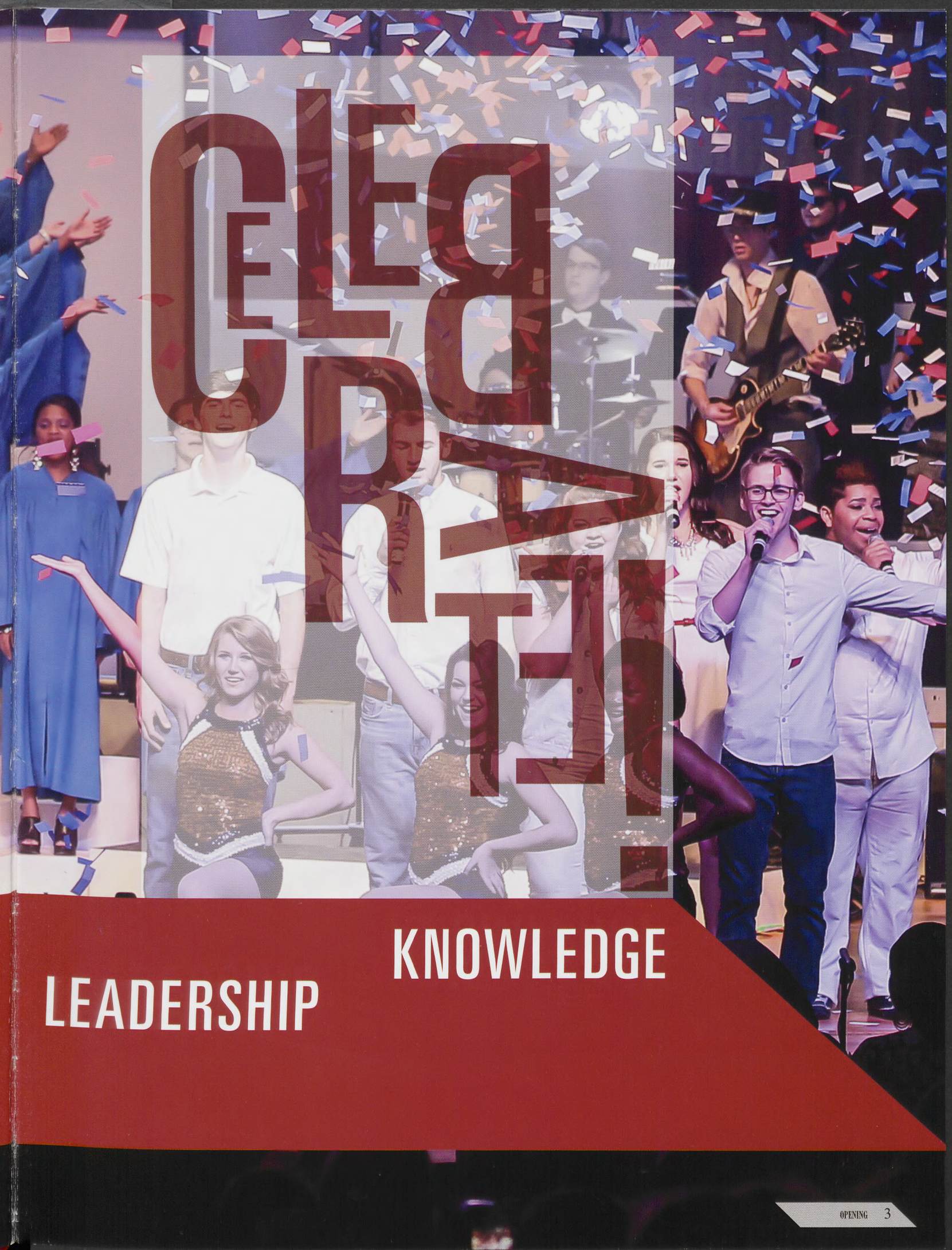
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above: The stage band gives an exuberating performance at the "Solid Gold" show.

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above: Students celebrate their victories at Bear Necessities Day.

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STUDENT LIFE



fans get rowdy tailgating

On the evening of the tailgating party, music and laughter could be heard throughout the campus as students, faculty, and guests gathered together to celebrate the upcoming football game against Mississippi Delta. At the event, attendees were able to participate in a myriad of activities, some of which included acquiring food and refreshments, having their blood pressure checked, and listening to the marching band play their halftime performance. Children were also able to join in on the revelry at the tailgating party as they ran to-and-fro between the various fun jumps, provided for their enjoyment, as well as running to-and-fro between the cheerleading squad's face painting tent and the food station whenever they pleased. Many children eagerly awaited their turn to have a member of the cheerleading squad transform their beautiful, smiling faces into whatever their hearts desired. At their own booth, Bear Trackers sold spirit towels to be used during the game. The nursing students also offered the chance for guests and students alike to check their blood pressure and learn more about it.

The Student Government Association kept up the fun for guests with their photo booth, which allowed students to amuse themselves with different props for photographs. After the pre-game festivities, everyone gathered in the stadium in anticipation for the upcoming football game. The marching band demanded attention as they marched into the stadium to the beat of their own rendition of Pharrell Williams' "Happy." The redline and color guard, as well as Charlie the Bear, danced along to the electrifying music. Dominique Redding commented, "I had a fabulous time! It was extraordinary, full of fun, and the food was absolutely wonderful!" Indeed, the event was an overall success!

by Rebekah Mote and Elizabeth A. Cutrer

"Tailgating makes me feel pumped for the game and excited to be a bear!"
-Kayla Jones



above: Reagan Costilow paints the face of a Bear fan at the Tailgating Party; opposite page: Kayla Jones cheers on the football team as they compete against Mississippi Delta.





spring show electrifies "solid gold"

This year's Spring Stage Band Show was a smash hit! As people stepped into the Hurst Auditorium of the Fine Arts Building, they were greeted with quite a pre-show! The choir performed titles such as "Zion's Walls" by Aaron Copeland and "Dry Bones" by Michael Gungor. After the pre-show, the lights dimmed and a spotlight moved to the far corner of the stage, enlightening Dr. Steve Bishop. He welcomed the audience to Southwest and encouraged the crowd to dance, scream, or shout because the evening's show would be a fantastic performance! It would be "Solid Gold!" Suddenly, the screen above the stage began to flicker and beam to life. On screen, people could view what was happening backstage. A tableau of performers were making their way into the building, dancing down the hallway to join the audience in the auditorium. Stage band vocalist, Kaylie Crosby, and her montage of fellow performers came bursting from the back of the auditorium, singing Taylor Swift's number one hit single, "22." As they made their way to the forefront of the stage, they encouraged others to spring up and dance along with them. The audience brought forth a rapturous cry of excitement as the group did this and became ecstatic as the opening number ended. Joe Elliott and his beautiful emcee, Pat Young, entered the stage and introduced some of the top numbers for the night's show of which included top hits from different genres of music ranging from lyrical jazz to alternative rock.

Performances included songs such as Stevie Wonder's "Superstition;" Animal House's "You Know You Make Me Wanna Shout;" Angela Miller's "You Set Me Free;" Rascal Flat's "Skin;" and Gotye's "Somebody That I Use To Know." There were also performances given by Southwest's Got Talent 2015 winner, Brayan Stewart-Bennett, SMCC's Blues Band, SMCC's Steel Pans, Karli Boyd, Emily Alford, Jasmine Sargent, and David Ivy. During the inte rmission, the choir brought a taste of the fifties back to Southwest with their endearing performance of "Under the Boardwalk" by The Drifters. Toward the end of the show, the entire stage band performed a remix of Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" and Imagine Dragons' "Radioactive" and also presented a beautiful performance of American Idol's centerpiece, "Shout to the Lord."

Amidst all of these performances, the finale was perhaps the most alluring and impressive performance overall. Red, white, and blue confetti flew across the stage as the performers rushed into the auditorium to sing "God Bless America." The audience cheered loudly as the event came to a close and everyone left the stage in high spirits. This year's Spring Stage Band Show was definitely a "solid gold" hit!

This show could not have been made possible without the work of Dr. Jason Mathena and Andrew Dale, Directors of Stage Band; Lauren Louis, Director of Stage Vocals; Lacey Godbold, Director of Dance; Joe Elliott, Director of Choir; Nathan Wells, Media Systems Director, and his crew; Billy Powe, Event Lighting and Sound Production Contractor; Connie Lambuth, Fine Arts Instructor and Humanities Division Chairperson; and Mrs. Pat Young, emcee. Southwest commemorates all of the students, staff, faculty, and guests who participated in this spring's stage band show, "Solid Gold."

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer

above: Taylor Gregory, Reagan Costilow, Karly Smith, Hannah Monroe, Tina Cunningham, and Morgan Plummer dance to a high-energy beat as the band performs their rendition of Imagine Dragons' "Radioactive."

vocalists radiate talent

"you know you make me want to shout"









above: Taylor Gregory, Morgan Plummer, and Nicole Atkinson entertain the audience with their performance of Lady Gaga's "Born This Way;" top left: Nick Peavey sings passionately to Imagine Dragons' "Radioactive;" top right: Karly Smith raises her hands in praise to "Shout to the Lord;" opposite page: Reagan Costilow spins to a high-energy beat.





competition incites laughter

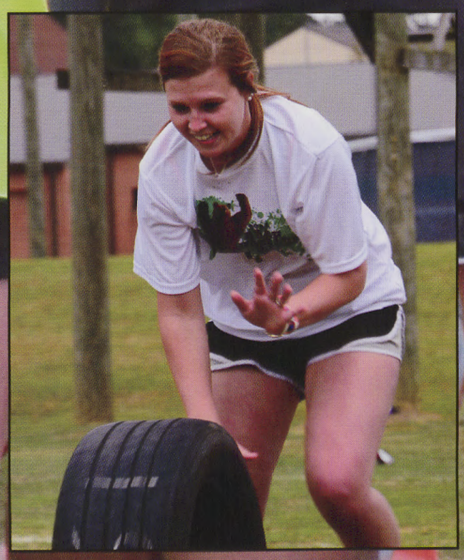
bear necessities day

This year, zealous students were ready to participate in Bear Necessities Day! At the event, teams of six or seven members gathered together in corresponding outfits to test their skills in numerous events. Whether it was in the tug-of-war, the tire push relay, three-legged race, or the dizzy izzy, students had a great time competing with one another! Bear Day began with two individual competitions. These competitions consisted of a one mile fun run or a softball throw tournament of which only one team member could participate. Alex Brown won the one mile run in the men's division and Madison Mault won in the women's division. In the softball throw tournament, the men's division winner was Tyler Stutsman and the women's division winner was Lauren Norton. Followed by the softball throw tournament was the three-legged race. In this competition, two team members were asked to tie their ankles and thighs together in order for them to race across the field. At the other end of the field, there was a set of team members who were also tied waiting to be tagged into the race. Whoever made it across the finish line first won the competition. Next, team members competed in the dizzy izzy. Teammates cackled at each other's antics as they tried to complete a series of turns and runs without falling down and ruining their chance of winning the competition. At intermission, everyone was treated with food and refreshments catered by the cafeteria. There was a choice of hamburger or fried chicken with a side of green beans, macaroni and cheese, a cookie, and a nice cold beverage.

During lunch, everyone sat around the baseball field and had the benefit of listening to a wide range of music provided by the steel drum band and brass band. After intermission, everyone gathered back on the field to recommence in the festivities. The next event was the tire push relay. In this competition, team members pushed tires across the field as fast as they could around a series of obstacles to the finish line. Opponents then competed in the egg toss tournament where team members found themselves in a sticky situation. As they threw the eggs back and forth, team members had to create a widening gap between them until the egg broke. The last two team members with their egg intact won! Preceded by the egg toss was the relay race. Each team member raced against their opponents to try to win. Of all of the activities, the activity that everyone had been waiting for began. It was time for the tug-of-war! Students gathered around the struggling teams as they tugged on the rope between them as hard as they could in hopes of dismantling the opposing team. In the women's division, team three won first place and team nine came in second place. In the men's division, team four won first place and team two came in second place. Overall, Bear Necessities Day was a fun and inspirational outlet for students to escape from the classroom and enjoy the nice weather outside!

by Rebekah Mote and Elizabeth A. Cutrer









above: Holly Olive, Kayla Jones, Taylor Gregory, Karly Smith, and Aliyah Durr jump for joy at Bear Day; left: Coderius Davis and Zane Terrell laugh uncontrollably during the three-legged race; far left: Henry Hammonds runs with determination to finish the relay race; top left: Christina Cunningham catches an egg in the egg toss competition; top: Bethany Crawford rolls a tire during the relay race.

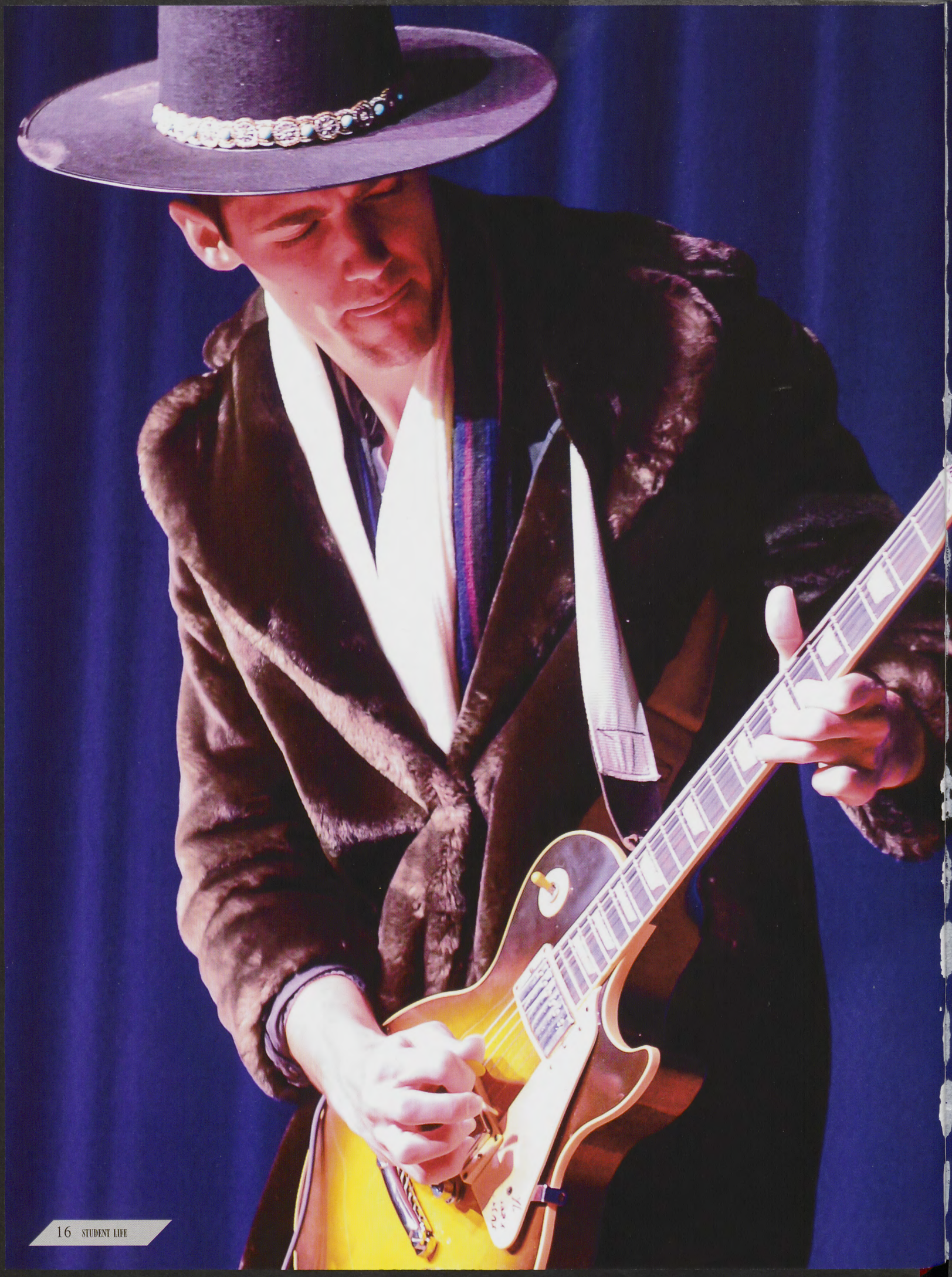


above: Shelby Russell, Erika Case, Kaitlyn Sanamo, and D'anna Broom, otherwise known as the "Glam Girls," battle to maintain their balance in the tug-of-war contest.

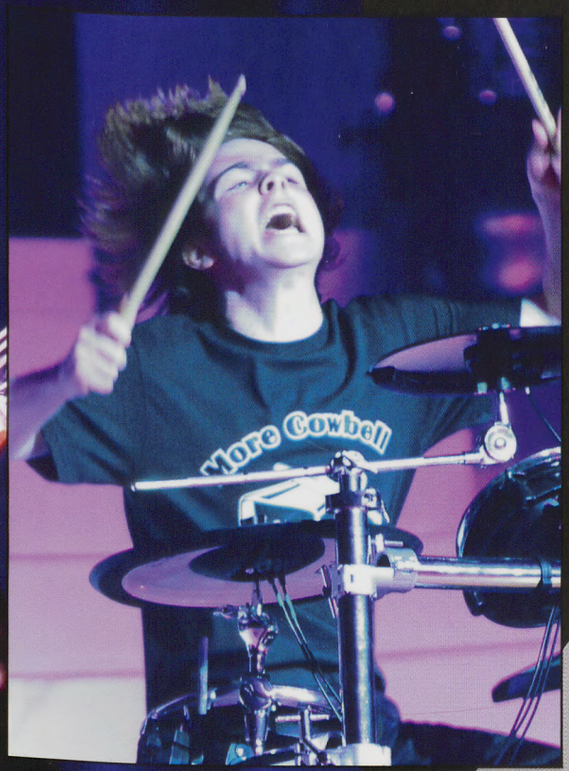


"Glam Girls love two things, a good hair day and winning the tug-of-war."

-Kaitlyn Sanamo



talent amazes audience
southwest's got talent

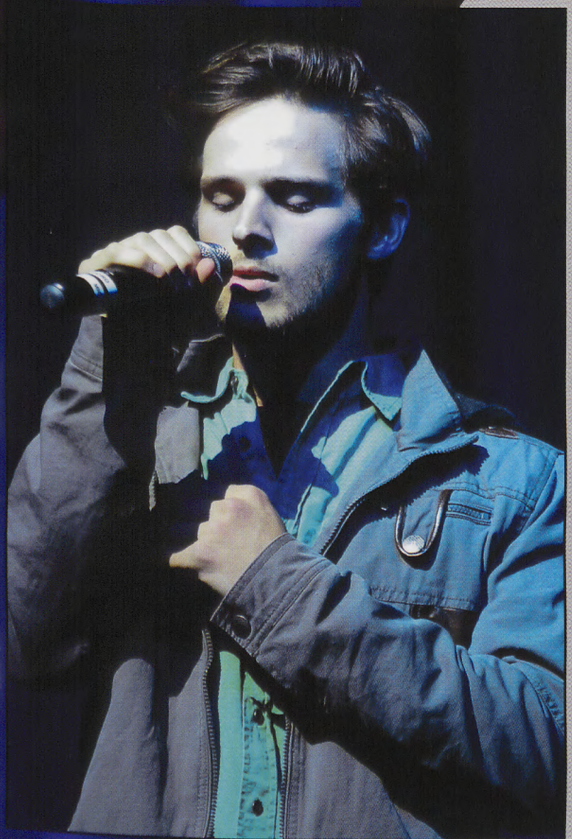


Southwest had the honor of hosting various high school juniors and seniors, along with many of SMCC's very own students, in the third annual Southwest's Got Talent. After hours of tough deliberation, the judges finally narrowed the numbers down to nine extremely gifted students that would progress in the event. These nine performers were Brody East, David Ivy, Seth Karas, Brayan Stewart-Bennett, Hannah Monroe, Sam Womack, Justin Taylor, Andy Causey, and Natalie Jo McKenzie. The top nine contestants then had the opportunity to perform in front of another panel of judges, as well as a live audience, to determine the top five. All of the contestants came prepared to show off their skills as musicians although only five got to perform a second time in the final round. Those five were David Ivy, Brayan Stewart-Bennett, Sam Womack, Natalie Jo McKenzie, and Justin Taylor.

The winner of this year's Southwest's Got Talent was Brayan Stewart-Bennett. The audience went crazy for his mesmerizing performance of John Legend's "All of Me." His powerful voice captivated the audience and impressed the judges. For Brayan's final song, he stole the hearts of the crowd with his performance of his original piece, "Your Love is Amazing." As winner of the 2015 Southwest's Got Talent, Brayan Stewart-Bennett was awarded a $1000 scholarship to SMCC and was featured in Southwest's 2015 Spring Stage Band Show.

When asked about camaraderie backstage, all of the contestants were quick to assure everyone that they had become great friends. Throughout the entire experience, the contestants were able to spend hours together working, helping, and laughing with each other. It was a great chance for everyone to get to know one another and to strengthen their skill sets. Pat Young said, "Everyone that participated was extremely talented but only one person could be victor in this competition! I hate that we had to narrow down the competition to just one contestant! However, Brayan Stewart-Bennett did an excellent job with his performance and truly deserved his win." Everyone that attended the event seemed to have had an enjoyable time and seemed quite pleased with the festivities' outcome.

by Katelynn Roberts and Rebekah Mote





left: Natalie Jo McKenzie expresses herself on stage as she performs "Records" by Corrine Bailey Rae; middle: Brody East passionately sings "Let Her Go" by the Passengers; opposite page: Justin Taylor performs his own rendition of Stevie Ray Vaughan's "Texas Flood;" top left: Sam Womack amazes the audience with his opening performance.











students serve in the big apple

missionaries share

Students went above and beyond the academic scope this year with their involvement in the summer and spring-break mission trips. The spring break mission trip to New York City was a monumental occasion for BSU students to spread the gospel and to help others strengthen their faith in Christ and in themselves. At the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association in NYC, several BSU students from both the Mississippi State's BSU and the University of Southern Florida joined the SMCC students in devotional.

These students had the opportunity to work in several different areas of the city alongside Southern Baptist career missionaries. Students spent countless hours working alongside the Unreached People Groups, working with international students at NYU, tutoring Hispanic children, and learning, as well as becoming aware of sex trafficking. The purpose for each of these tracks was to share the love of God in a way that people of New York could relate to and be the hands and feet of Christ. Not only did the students make new friends and experiences, they were also able to grow in their faith and learn what evangelism really meant.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer

opposite page left: Sarah Bennett shares information with New Yorkers; opposite page above: Jessica Ravencraft shows an eager child his newly painted face; opposite page top: Ross Lewman, Kayla Puder, Lucy Puder, and Marlee Touchstone walk toward Central Park to meet with their group; opposite page top right: Savannah Newton paints a butterfly on a child's face; left: Lucy Puder and Alex Brown tutor a child in the Queens' Library.

peers empower players

meet the bears

Everyone that attended the Meet the Bears function was teaming with energy; the excitement was almost tangible! Rapturous applause could be heard throughout the gymnasium as athletes individually made their way to the forefront of the court to be announced. Dr. Steve Bishop, President of SMCC, delivered an astounding opening speech and presented each team with vigor. The first teams to be announced were the men and women's basketball teams. Next, the cheerleadering squad was introduced. They performed a variety of stunts for the enthusiastic crowd. They did not disappoint! The football members were announced next followed by the announcement of the men and women's soccer teams. Finally, the softball teams were introduced succeeded by the introduction of the marching band, color guard, and redline members.

Throughout the event, cheerleaders, redline, and color guard members could be seen dancing to the high-energy music produced by the marching band. The band performed tunes such as DJ Khaled's "All I Do Is Win," Paul Lavender's "Hey Song," and Pharrell Williams' number one hit, "Happy!" The Student Government Association was announced and Justin McCray, Student Body President, gave a closing speech that mesmerized the masses. He discharged everyone to the football field where a scrimmage between students was to be held after Meet the Bears. Before the scrimmage, students were able to witness Dr. Steve Bishop, as well as a few other professors, get drenched with ice water as they participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. At last, the scrimmage proceeded and everyone played well into the night. It was an evening that many have not forgotten since!

by Katelynn Roberts and Elizabeth A. Cutrer

"Dancing at 'Meet the Bears' creates an electric atmosphere."
-Arswanakee Magee







right: Christina Lawson and Shaden Miller smile for the fans; above right: Charlie the Bear waves to the crowd; far right: Shelby Hilhan, Harley Manard, Victoria Smith, and Kayla Jones dance during their halftime performance; opposite page: Lauren Norton cheers for the players as they are introduced to the fans.


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right: Rebecca Richmond focuses on her bass guitar; middle: Adrianne Domine, Dominique Redding, and Seth Karas stay intune during "Blue Trane;" far right: Treyveon Rayford solos on conga; above: Ashton Reed solos during "Chameleon."

music astounds audience

jazz explosion

This fall semester, the Department of Fine Arts presented their third annual Musical Explosion of which featured SMCC's Steel Pan Orchestra and Stage Band Ensemble. Under the direction of Dr. Jason Mathena, the Steel Pan Orchestra brought to Southwest the symphonious sounds of the Caribbean. The unusual instrumentation was a visual and aural delight for the audience and, the repertoire, which was rich with original material, was emphasized greatly by the Orchestra's rhythmic modes and dance beats. This created an upbeat joyous ambience. The Steel Pan Orchestra performed enchanting tunes such as "Tabanca" by Andy Narell; "Sea Journey" by Chick Corea, arranged by Dr. Jason Mathena; "Afro Blue" by Mongo Santamaria, arranged by Jeff Narell; "Sugar Boom Boom," a traditional Trinidadian tune, arranged by Luc Brust; and "Crazy Love" by Fitzroy "Lord Melody" Alexander, arranged by Franz Grissom. Also, the stage band ensemble performed a few illustrious jazz numbers such as "Blue Trane" by John Coltrane, arranged by Michael Sweeney, and "Chameleon" by the Headhunters, also arranged by Michael Sweeney.

Over the expanse of the past fifteen years, SMCC's steel drum band has enlightened Southwest on the cultures of Central America, as well as across the globe. The band has synthesized many unique genres within their music such as reggae, zouk, salsa, bouyon, calypso, soca, reggaeton, and punta. Under the direction of Dr. Jason Mathena, the Steel Pan Orchestra plans to continue in its success of entertaining audiences for years to come.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer



"When we began soloing over each other, the audience went wild!"

-Ashton Reed


BEAT

fans celebrate co-lin victory

discover southwest



Rivalry was well known between players the night of "Discover Southwest" as the Bears faced off against Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Everyone cheered as loudly as they could for the Bears that evening. Aside from this event being the most anticipated game of the season, the game provided time for local high school students to "Discover Southwest." At the event, free game passes, t-shirts, and concession stand tickets were given to juniors and seniors from around the Southwest Mississippi area. Everyone was quite excited for the game!

During halftime, two high school seniors were given the opportunity to "Kick for Tuition." Sadly, neither student was able to make the field goal. However, both students were given a $1000 scholarship to Southwest for participating and were featured in the Pine Burr. These students were definitely given the opportunity of a lifetime! Everyone at the event seemed ecstatic for them and cheered as loud as they could. To aid in the excitement, the marching band performed their halftime show for the passionate crowd. The game recommenced as the football players made their way onto the field in their formations. Throughout the game, the Bears kept up their defense and tried their best to score a touchdown; a repeated tactic that eventually worked. With their display of determination and hard work ethic, the Bears came out on top, winning their first football game of the season against Co-Lin with a score of 45-35. Indeed, the night was a success!

by Rebekah Mote and Elizabeth A. Cutrer

left: Alexis Givens, Chasity Sheperd, Victoria Reeves, Ashton Dixon, Layton Terrell, Paige Walters, Sarah Roberts, Ashlyn Van Buren, Nicole Cooley, Hannah Cuevas, Claire Taix, Jana Mcewen, Austin Pruitt, Taylor Madden, and Macey Futon cheer loudly as the Bears make a touchdown.


"The events here are like none other because there is simply no place like Southwest."
-Marisa Siebert

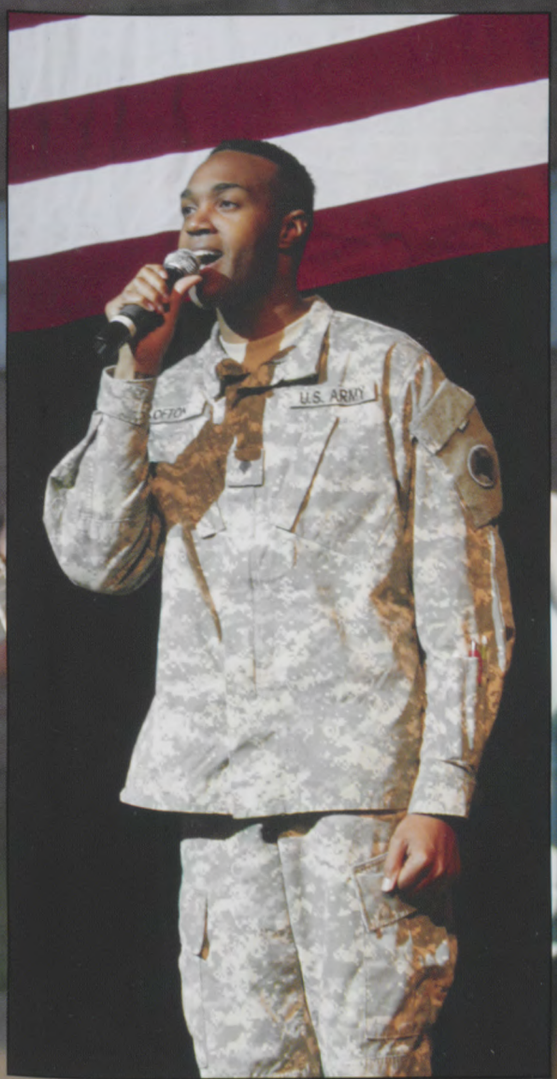
campus events create memories

life on the southwest side

Numerous events kept the campus going all throughout the year as students and faculty were able to come together and have fun while supporting causes. Many of the activities varied from the "See You at the Pole" to the community based Camp Sunshine Fishing Rodeo. The blood drive, which was held during both the fall and spring semesters, had a record breaking number this year! A total of a hundred-and-eighty-seven successful donors were recorded along with two-hundred-and-ninety-six sign ups to give blood.

Routine pep rallies kept the spirit going and enticed the students and faculty for upcoming athletic events and special occasions across campus. Various sophomores and freshmen attended the annual College Transfer fair to inquiry about their major of interest and to find a suitable University that met their academic needs. Whatever the event, students were anxious about getting involved and having fun while doing so!

by Rebekah Mote







opposite page: Marisa Siebert and Gage Gordon lead in a song of worship at "See You at the Pole;" top left: Justin Lofton sings the "Star Spangled Banner" at the Veterans' Day program; top right: Will Cruise talks to Ubie, the United Blood Services' blood drop while giving blood at the campus blood drive; above: Anthony Brown and Clifford Fernandez pose for a photo during Camp Sunshine.





exciting plays create fun intramurals

Southwest offered a variety of intramural sports to participate in throughout the year that were both fun and competitive. Through the intramural activities program, students received the prospect to recreate in an organized, spirited environment. Under the direction of Bill Wallace, intramurals included sports such as flag football, basketball, softball, dodgeball, ping pong, and billiards. Intramurals were a great way for students to be physically active as well as socially dynamic with their fellow peers.

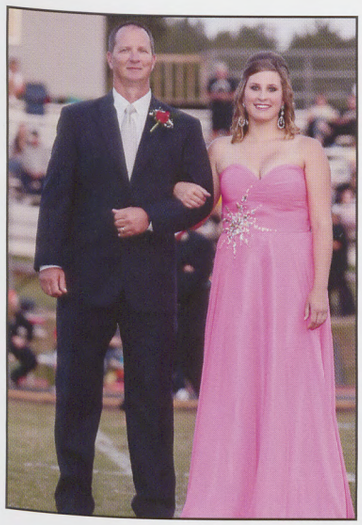
This year, the program was an instant success! More than three-hundred-and-fifty-three students participated within the program. During the intramural sports, there were two tournaments that students seemed to like the most: co-ed dodgeball and flag football. In the co-ed dodgeball competition, students seemed keen on participating during this activity on campus; it became one of the most anticipated games of the intramural sport season. The "Back-to-Back" team was ahead of the game and won the dodgeball championship. Flag football, located on the band's practice field, also drew a large crowd each competition, as the "Nasty Bunch" flag football team triumphed overall. Bill Wallace stated in a personal interview that he believes, "When students get involved in college-related activities, such as the intramural sports, it leads them to a more well-rounded college experience."

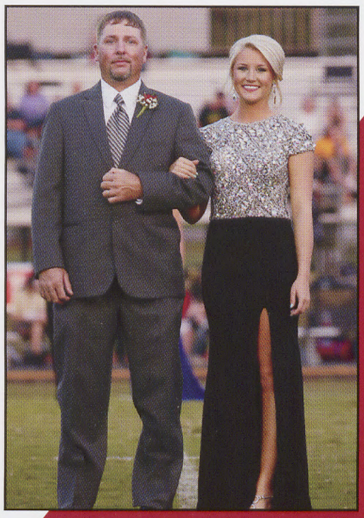
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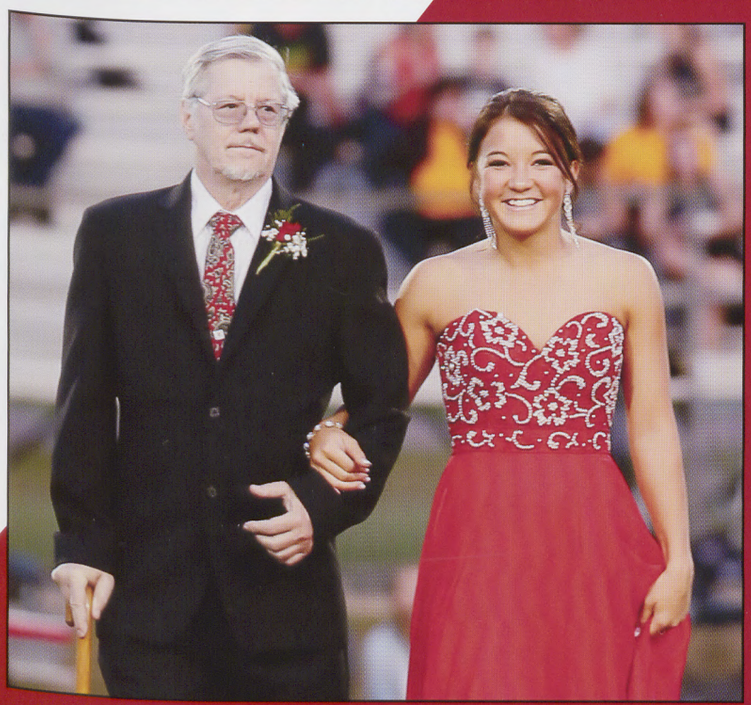


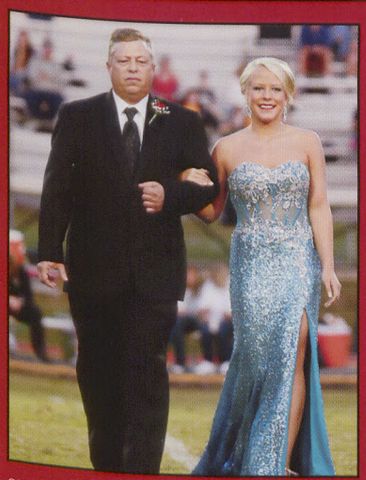
left: Dexter Irvin runs with the ball as Damien Shannon pulls the flag from his belt; opposite page left: Camille Fisher swings for a home run during the intramural softball game; above: Allen Lampton and Kayla Puder discuss the rules of ping pong in the tournament.

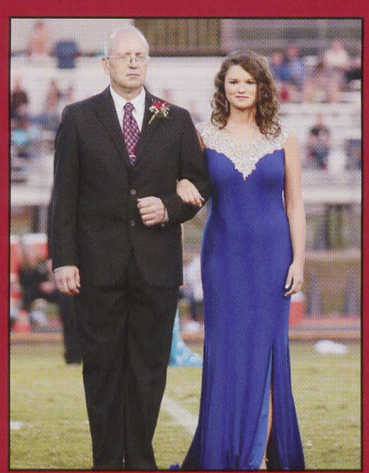












opposite page: Queen Courtney Bates reigns over the Homecoming activities; top left: Alexis Lott, Freshman Maid, with her father George Lott walk across the field; top right: Reagan Costilow, Sophomore Maid, with her father Corey Whitehead smile at the football fans; middle: Shaden Miller, Student Body Maid, with her grandfather Richard Miller pose for the crowd; middle right: Danaraye Parks, Freshman Maid, with her father Monty Parks pose for a picture; middle far right: Kay Pruitt, Freshman Maid, with her escort Shae Johnson make their way to the middle of the field; above left: Lauren Norton, Sophomore Maid, with her father Gary Norton walk to the center of the field; above right: Leeanna Hodges, Sophomore Maid, with her father Robert Hodges smile for the fans; right: Junior Court members pose for a picture: Landon Gallant, Ava Kathryn, Louise Alexander, Ann Elise Gatlin, Maddie Smith, Sarah Catherine Kuntz, Jonathan Wesley Wells, Ann Elise Duncan, Ainslee Anne Everett, and Bryce Gallant.

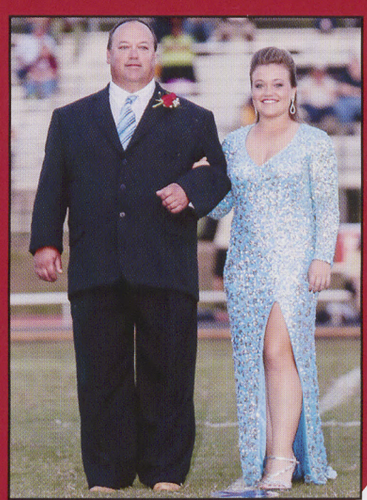
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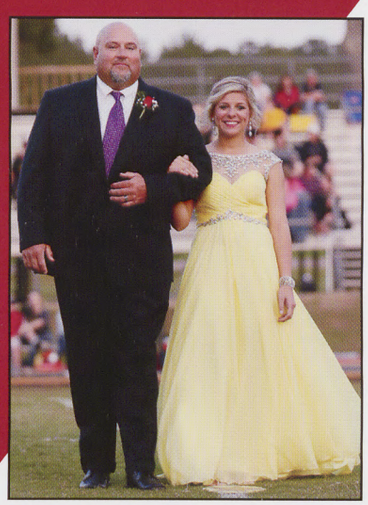
homecoming

Southwest celebrated this year's homecoming with the theme, "There's No Place Like Southwest!" All across campus, students and faculty could be seen having a blast organizing their function's float as well as organizing numerous events for homecoming week. Everyone was in good spirits! Whether it was participating in "Running with the Bears" or performing at the Homecoming Catfish Cookout, students were excited about Homecoming! There were many events included in homecoming week. Some of the events included: the Hotdog Roast and Bonfire, the "Midnight" Madness Pep Rally, Movie Night on the Lawn, BSU Noonday Luncheon, Homecoming Catfish Cookout, "Running with the Bears" 5K Walk/Run, and the Homecoming Parade in downtown Summit.

During homecoming, students were also able to participate in a fun activity where students could dress up as different themes each day of the week. The Alumni Association hosted its banquet in which the association recognized the Alumnus of the Year, Sports Hall of Fame Honorees, and the Foundation Hall of Fame Inductees. The celebration concluded with the football game in which the Bears faced East Central. There is "No Place Like Southwest!"

by Rebekah Mote and Elizabeth A. Cutrer









dorothy lands at southwest homecoming festivites

Homecoming began like no other with numerous events kicking off the week of thrills. One of the greatest highlights of the week was the preparation of the floats, in which students and faculty sponsors both worked diligently together to create a float with the theme "There's No Place Like Southwest." At the bonfire that Tuesday night, students enjoyed themselves immensely by roasting hotdogs, listening to music, and spending time with fellow classmates. On Wednesday, the Student Government Association presented the movie, *X-Men: Days of Future Past,* for students and faculty to gather and watch on the marching band field. On Thursday, the school hosted a campus cookout provided by Mr. Whisker's Catfish and Grill in McComb. For entertainment, the stage band, singers, and dancers gave a preview of their upcoming Christmas show.

On Friday, it was all about supporting the school! Everyone was asked to wear cardinal red & navy blue in order to support the upcoming football game. Throughout the homecoming week, dress themes such as Tacky or Twin Tuesday and Throw Back Thursday were huge hits among the students. On Saturday, students were kept busy with all of the events occurring, such as the "Running with the Bears" 5k Run/Walk, homecoming parade, the Alumni Association Induction Banquet, and the homecoming football game against East Central Community College. Within the college's history, no other homecoming week was remembered with such celebration as this one was!

by Rebekah Mote and Miah Cazanov













opposite page: Karinlee Brister waves to parade fans from the First Place Bear Trackers' float; top left: Robbi Dawn Shell, Tera Richardson, and Katelyn Reid dress up for Spirit Week; top right: Kayla Puder smiles aboard the S.G.A. float; left: Miah Cazanov walks with the First Place *Pine Burr* and *Whispering Pines'* car; middle: Shane Smith drives Mr. and Miss SMCC, Marisa Siebert and Justin McCray, in the homecoming parade; far left: Harley Menard marches down the street with her giant Lollipop Guild sucker.



alumni participate in the celebrations

homecoming honorees

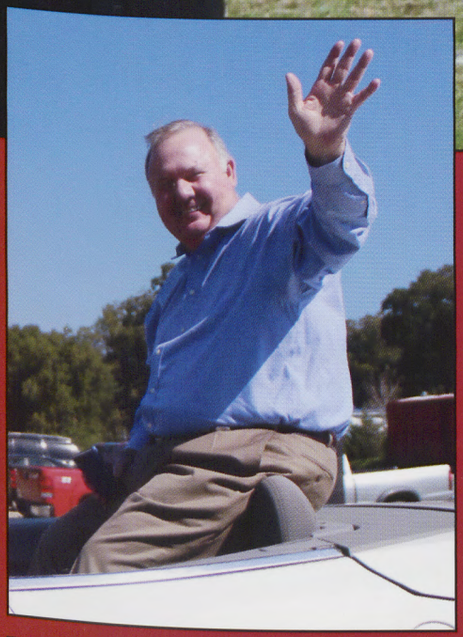
Alumni Foundation recognized Alumna of the Year, Jim McBride; Sports Hall of Fame Alumni, Kenneth Marion Miller and Joe B. Young; and Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Henry Lewis. Jim McBride is a 1975 graduate of Southwest Mississippi Community College where he studied and prepared for a career in engineering. While at Southwest, he served as Vice President of the Student Government Association, played football, elected to the all-state football team, and was selected as "Most Outstanding Lineman" in the southern division. McBride was also named "Mr. SMCC" his final year at Southwest. Several years ago, Jim and his wife, Pinet established the Amos and Colleen Parker Scholarship to honor the Parkers for their many contributions to the community and to show his appreciation to the college for the education and opportunities provided for students.

Kenneth Marion Miller attended Southwest Mississippi Community College and played football as a line-backer from 1984-1986. After years of working at Parchman Mississippi State Penitentiary, Kenneth finally decided to come back home to Southwest and was employed at SMCC as the first African-American linebackers' coach. He was also a Professor in Criminal Justice. He held these positions from August 1990 until his death on June 25, 2006. He was a great educator and motivated his students to always strive for excellence and to always follow their dreams.

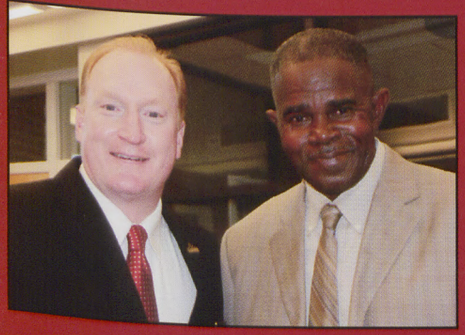
Joe B. Young graduated from Southwest Mississippi Community College where he was both chosen for all-state and all-star football. While at Southwest, he served as treasurer of the student body. Dr. Henry Lewis received his Associates of Arts degree from Southwest Mississippi Community College in 1957, getting an excellent foundation in chemistry under Professor William S. Bryan. He was Alumnus of the Year at SMCC in 1996. He also served as a team physician for high school and community college football teams from 1965-1999. Dr. Lewis is currently a member of the Board of Trustees at Southwest.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer











left: President Dr. Steve Bishop with his wife Melanie and children, Katherine, Eleanor, Arthur and Ruth lead the parade: far left: Dr. Bishop talks with Robert "T" Felder at the Alumni Banquet; top left; Jim McBride waves to fans; top right: Joe Young smiles as the parade rolls through Summit; above: Jim McBride, Dr. Henry Lewis, and Joe Young pose for a picture.



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above: Stephen Lusk, August Siebert, Harley Menard, Taylor Busbin, Kaitlyn Cooksey, Kayla Byrd and Joshua Hutson gather together at the library to research information for a project.



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celebrating knowledge inspires success

academic overview

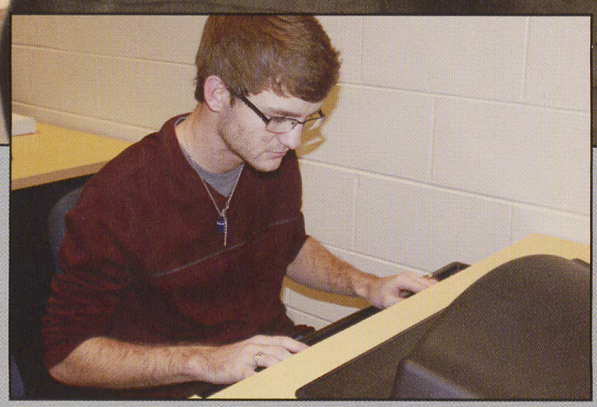
The college offered students the chance to rise above and challenge themselves in all aspects of an institution of higher education. While some students studied tirelessly on academic matters, other students worked diligently on matters that were more practical. Students from both fields of study were able to cross paths with one another while working together on group projects. Whether it was solving advanced equations or giving intricate speeches, students were given the opportunity to complete a two-year program at an affordable cost before transferring to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree. These academic divisions prepared students to make their mark in a demanding world.

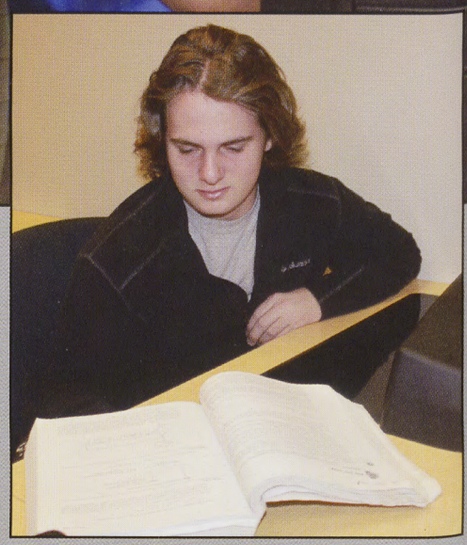
Advisors helped those who needed expert advice in selecting their future careers and courses as well as provided students with sufficient opportunities to learn skills that they would need for future endeavors. In sharing their knowledge, many of the faculty and staff inspired students to achieve academic success and pursue their lifetime goals. The college provided a strong academic foundation for a four-year college or university through its many outstanding academic departments. Southwest also offered many wonderful career and technical programs that helped prepare students to enter the workforce with both education and experience. The activities and organizations that were available to students also provided an amazing on-campus college experience.

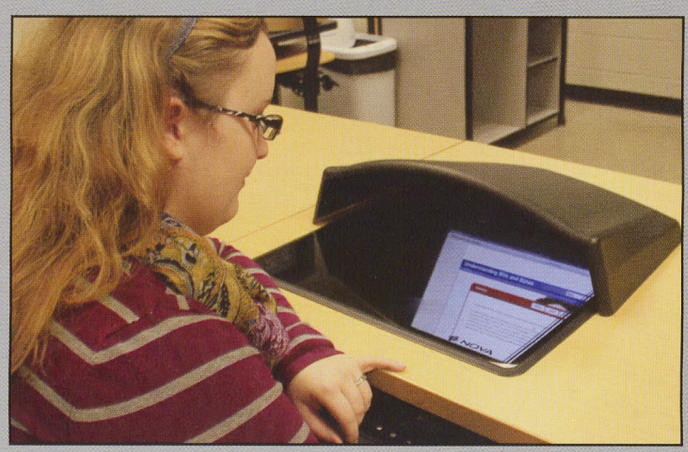
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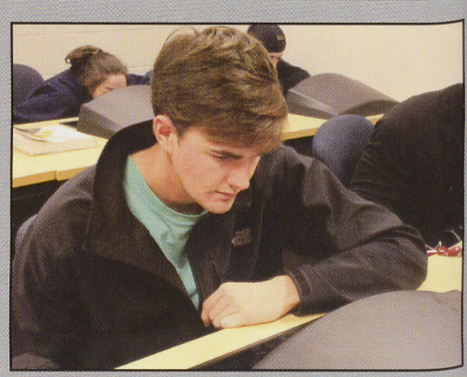
left: Tanner Whittington, Gracey Freeman, Taylor Smith and Dylan Spiers dissect a pig in the science lab.











above: Colter Cotten, Computer Concepts instructor, explains the parts of a computer to Jordee Coppedge, Brice Roberts, Christopher Jackson, Rachel Davis, Lovepreet Singh, and Chris Ivy; far right: Brady Wilson learns how to setup his document using the correct format; right: Alyssa Nobles completes her document for class; top left: Michael Evans researches articles for an upcoming presentation; top right: Parker Myrick studies for his test.



technology creates opportunities

business/computers

Students who designed to take the first step into the business world dived deep into the world of Business Computers. Throughout the year, students learned valuable skills pertaining to real-life situations and were able to apply this knowledge to their everyday lives. Courses ranged from Economics to Business Low. In accounting, students learned how to choose proper insurance, pay bills, buy cars and homes, file tax returns, and invest their hard earned money. These skills were convenient if students were to be economically successful and fulfilling lives.

In Computer Concepts, students learned how to better use computers and its processes and functions. Students were able to learn how to use computer software, such as Excel and Powerpoint, which helped with the making of spreadsheets, calculating, and graphing. It was also useful for financial and statistical needs. By placing text in the correct format and clicking a few buttons, students easily made scatter plots, histograms, line graphs, and charts that could be used to help solve problems. Students quickly learned how helpful and useful computers were and how much they were needed in the business world.

by Elizabeth Cutrer and Olivia Griffin



creativity contributes to learning

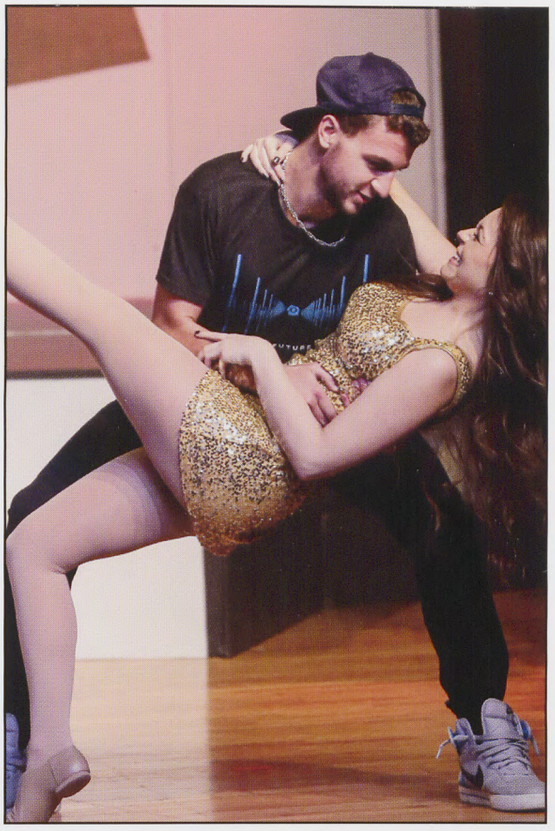
fine arts

Around campus, one would have seen students carrying their instruments going to either class or practice. These students were not just typical students, but were Fine Arts students. Whether they played in the band, sang in the choir, or participated in art class, they all contributed creativity to their tasks and to Southwest. In the stands at games, students were seen with instruments cheering on their Bears.

The Fine Arts Department took a quite a leap this year with their fall semester musical explosion and the Spring Stage Band Show. At each event, music students kept the audience well entertained and kept them wanting more with their high-energy beats. Another element of the Fine Arts Department that was superior this year was their steel drum band. They amazed everyone with the different genres of music played. The Department of Fine Arts definitely helped many students grow and learn from their experiences while at Southwest.

by Olivia Griffin







left: Dalton Cooper solos on his trombone; opposite page: Christina Cunningham dances during "Shout to the Lord;" top left: Tiffany Parker places the finishing touches on her masterpiece; above: Alex Brown and Karly Smith dance during "You Know You Make Me Wanna Shout."



words instill creativity

languages

With a diversity of language-related courses, students became more proficient in their native tongue, learned new languages, and became more comfortable with public speaking. Courses varied from English Composition I or II to more challenging courses such as Spanish or French. In Interpersonal Communications, an interactive and engaging course, students explored topics such as perception, listening, conflict management, relationship building and maintenance, and relational power.

In the course Introduction to Public Speaking, students learned how to speak professionally in public by using the topics taught in Interpersonal Communications. American, British, and World Literature courses were offered to students who were interested in furthering their knowledge of literature from all over the world. In the foreign language courses, students learned about diversity among many cultures as well as how to speak affluently in a variety of languages. Whether it was writing complex speeches or learning about Spanish-speaking cultures, students had all the more reason to celebrate; or, as the French would say, "Les étudiants avaient une raison de plus de célébrer!"

by Rebekah Mote and Elizabeth A. Cutrer





opposite page: Laura Dixon and Jennifer Murry create a family tree in Spanish; top right: Corely Longmire conjugates irregular verbs on the board in French I; top left: Raykesha Carter gives a policy speech on "The Death Penalty" in Dr. Jennifer McLaughlin's class.



correct calculations score

mathematics

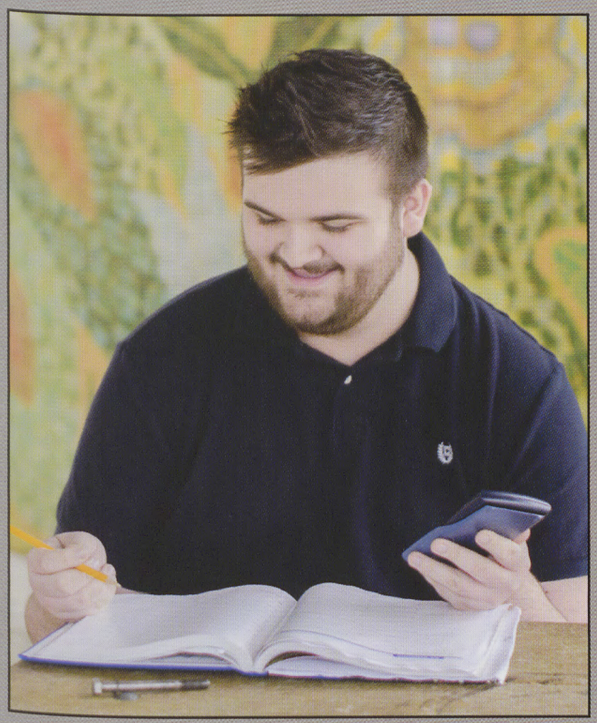
Mathematics was an integrated part of every student's education while at Southwest. Whether it was solving linear equations or learning about vector calculus, students gained knowledge that would undeniably enable them to succeed in life. Although mathematics was an agonizing subject for some students, others excelled within the course. Yet, through patience and persistence, each student survived and took pride in their accomplishments. Throughout the year, there was a multitude of teachers that helped instruct students on the basis of mathematics. These instructors took time to emphasize the importance of learning basic math skills in order to comprehend mathematics that was more advanced. An increased background in the field of mathematics created a diverse and interesting list of career opportunities for students to venture through.

Students who wanted to pursue a degree in either engineering, computer science, or mathematics were required to study courses such as College Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, Quantitative Reasoning, Differential Equations, or Statistics. Inconsequential to a student's learning ability or fondness of the subject, there was a mathematic course for everyone to take.

by Rebekah Mote and Elizabeth A. Cutrer

"Being involved in the mathmatics program as an Elementary Education major has really increased my desire to teach others about math."

-Rachel Pace





opposite page: Kristen Dillon and Sarah Bennett explain the less than sign to their elementary mathematics' class; above: Kelly Arnold and Stephanie Rimes study for a math exam; left: Hunter Willis calculates a problem for an assignment.

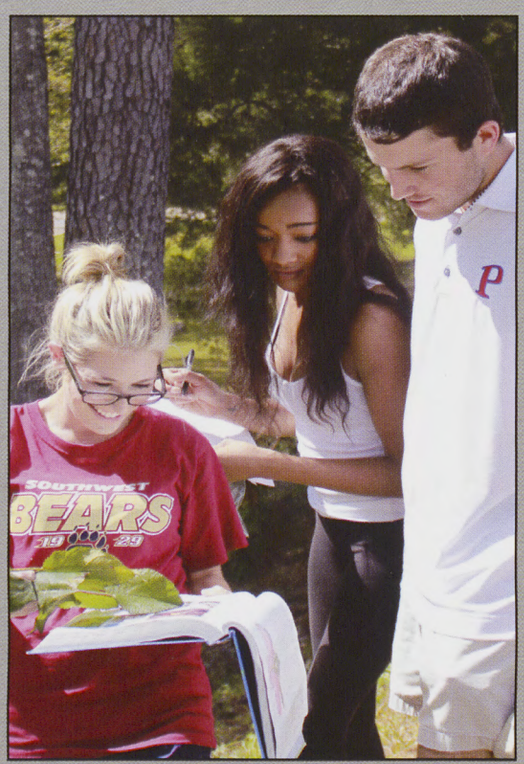
gaining knowledge leads to goals

science

Students who were interested in taking science-related courses had a plethora of classes to choose from. Whether students were majoring in pre-medical technology or simply needed to fulfill their general requirements, the college provided students with the necessary courses needed to graduate. In Principles of Biology I and II, courses intended for non-science majors, students were taught basic laboratory skills, field procedure, classification, scientific measurement, and methodology. In both General Biology I and II, courses designed for life science and pre-professional majors, students learned about the chemical and cellular basis for life. Upon successful completion of General Biology I and II, students were able to demonstrate knowledge concerning the unity and diversity of life, organismal complexity, classification, anatomy and physiology, along with biosocial problems and ecology. Students who were thinking about pursuing a degree in pre-medical, pre-dental, or nursing chose courses such as Anatomy and Physiology, Zoology, Microbiology, Chemistry, or Physics to study.

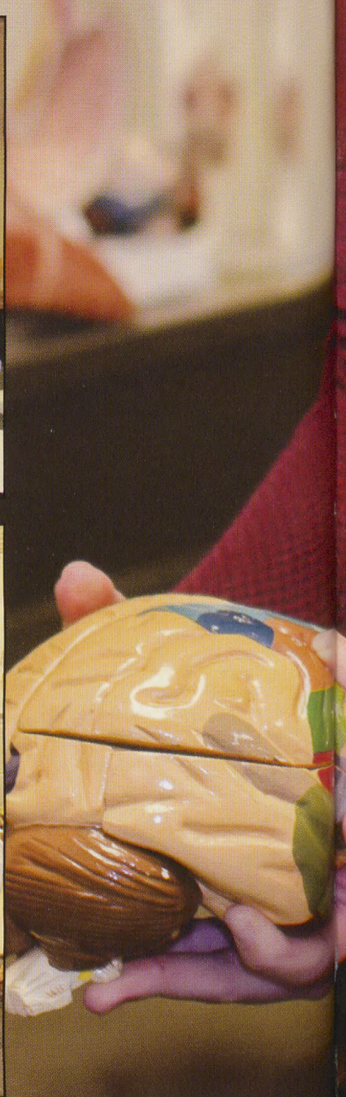
From Chemistry to Principles of Biology, students were given the necessary opportunities to learn materials for their prospective majors. Instructors in these courses expected much from their students, but were eager to provide help when students needed it most in the classroom or in the laboratory. A love for their subject matter showed in the instructors' attitudes and presentations. Students who showed a willingness to complete their work found the help of an instructor to aid them in their preparation for their future careers. Whether it was naming an unknown chemical or labeling the parts of skeleton, students gained the information needed to complete their education.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer









above: Holley Buras, Adrianna Patterson, and Dusty Magee examine a leaf while on the science scavenger hunt; top right: Olivia Griffin, Gabriele Isaac, Emily Baughtman, and Brandy Bass dissects a fetal pig; opposite page: Savannah Newton and Keely Fortenberry study the parts of the brain; right: Erika Davis and Barbara Nall extract an organ from a specimen.




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working together enhances learning

social science

Social science courses helped students gain a fuller understanding of the world around them. The social science courses ranged from learning about past wars and ancient civilizations to the different theories of how people behave the way they do. Classes in Federal Government, Western Civilization, and American History aided students in understanding the connections between the past, present, and future. Psychology courses, in addition to Sociology and Marriage and Family Living, offered insight into different cultures and human development.

Students learned through a number of different approaches, including lecture, research, and panel discussions. Several teachers enjoyed the panel discussion technique because it broke the routine of lecture and required students to think through a topic, prepare research on it, and then work with others to present it to the class. Through Honors Forum and Leadership class, students were able to develop leadership skills through all kinds of teamwork and problem-solving activities. Group discussions were also a vital part of these courses. Studying in these social science classes allowed students to learn about the society in which we live in as well as understand the people that live in that society.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer





opposite page: Lafayette Rutledge, Dreather Perry, and Jordan Burnette research discussion topics for their group presentation; left: Sarah Duncan reads her assignment for class; bottom: Dusty Magee and Tarnisha Washington discuss their project for Introduction to Sociology; bottom left: Instructor Merrielyn Ginn explains to Sarah Bennett and Molly Stokes the importance of the Constitution.









helping others excites students

health occupations

Nursing students with a passion to help others made their aspirations come true this year. The Nursing Program was an exceptionally ambitious program in which held students to high academic standards. Students in the program aimed towards excellence in all assignments. Through lab stimulations, lectures, and aiding in real-life medical situations, the students were able to learn valuable information and insight into the careers they were going into as either nurses or doctors.

The needs for continuous health care professionals were at an all-time high and continued to increase every year. Students majoring in the field found it easier to find jobs this way while pursuing the occupation they had dreamed of pursuing.

by Rebekah Mote







left: LaMonica Dillon and Dana Mctyre examine fluids; opposite page: Kathryn Fegan and Robert Howell check child's pulse; above left: Stephane Robinson and Jamie O'Quin listen to the patient's heartbeat; above: Sophia Bickham, Erica Baham, and Kristi Galloway check supplies.

"The clinical experience is everything I thought it would be and more. The nursing program is both challenging and rewarding."

- Jessica Ravencraft

knowledge empowers career and technical programs



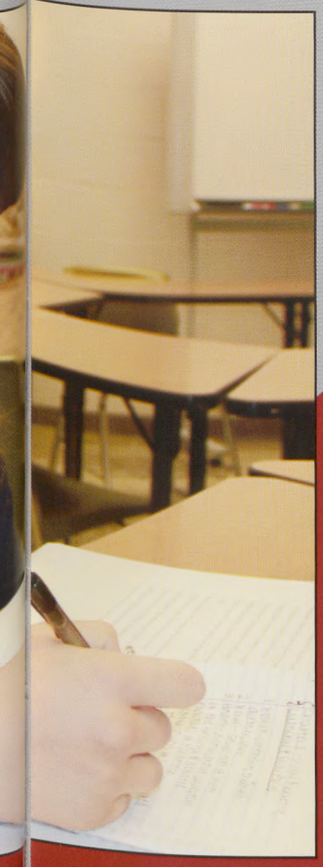
Performance levels of the career technical programs continued to soar this year. Located in the H.T. Huddleston Career-Tech Building, the Career and Technical Education division issued twenty-two programs for students to learn. These programs covered many areas such as Early Childhood Development Education, Practical Nursing, Cosmetology, and Massage Therapy and Process Technology. Programs such as these helped equip students with a high quality education that surmounted them above competition. From teaching Early Childhood to Cosmetology, the career and technical division aided many students in fulfilling their goals and students were prepared for the workplace after completing their courses.

The career and technical division received many gifts this year. A monumental addition to the career technical programs was a title for a truck donated to the truck driver training program presented by McComb Diesel officials. One key factor that lifted the enthusiasm of the career and technical division was a donation of $3,000.00 to the Oil and Gas Production Technology Program made by Strike. Jeremy Smith, Vice President for Career and Technical Education, accepted the check from Wendell Wilson, Head of Business Development of the Gulf Coast Region. This was a momentous time for the career and technical division.

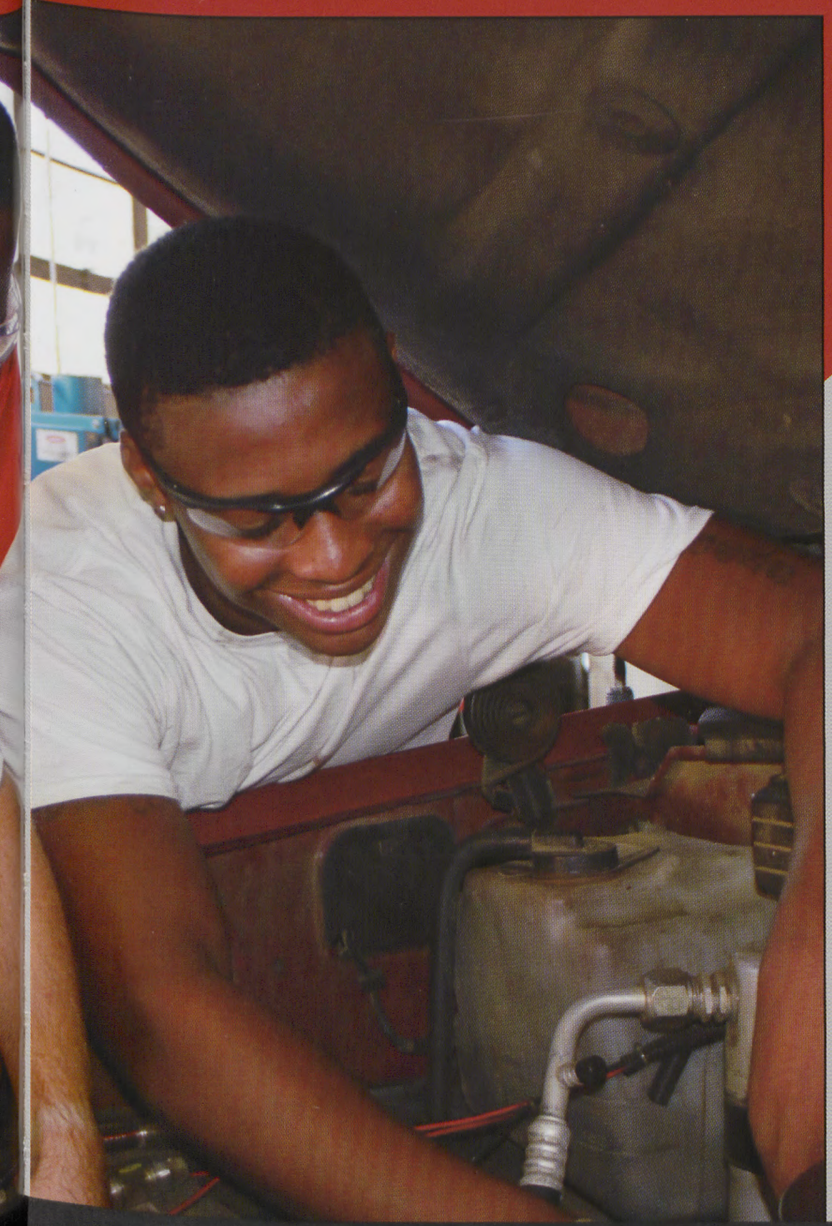
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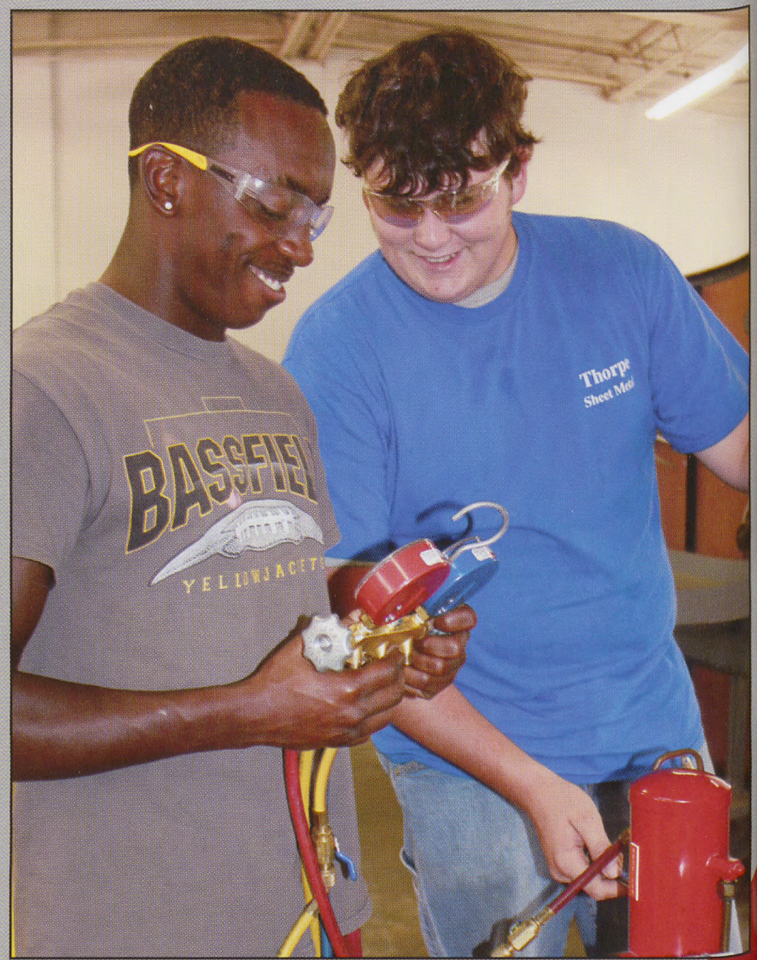




left: Hunter Ginn, Byron Green, and Eron Brooks, Automotive Technology students, replace a hose; opposite page: Katelyn Reid, Cosmetology student, cuts hair; top left: Meghan Gattis reviews cultures of each country relating to business; top right: Desirae McGhee, Child Development student, explains Halloween to a Day Care child; above: Ross Lewman, Massage Therapy student, gives a fellow student a massage as instructor Teresa Patterson observes.

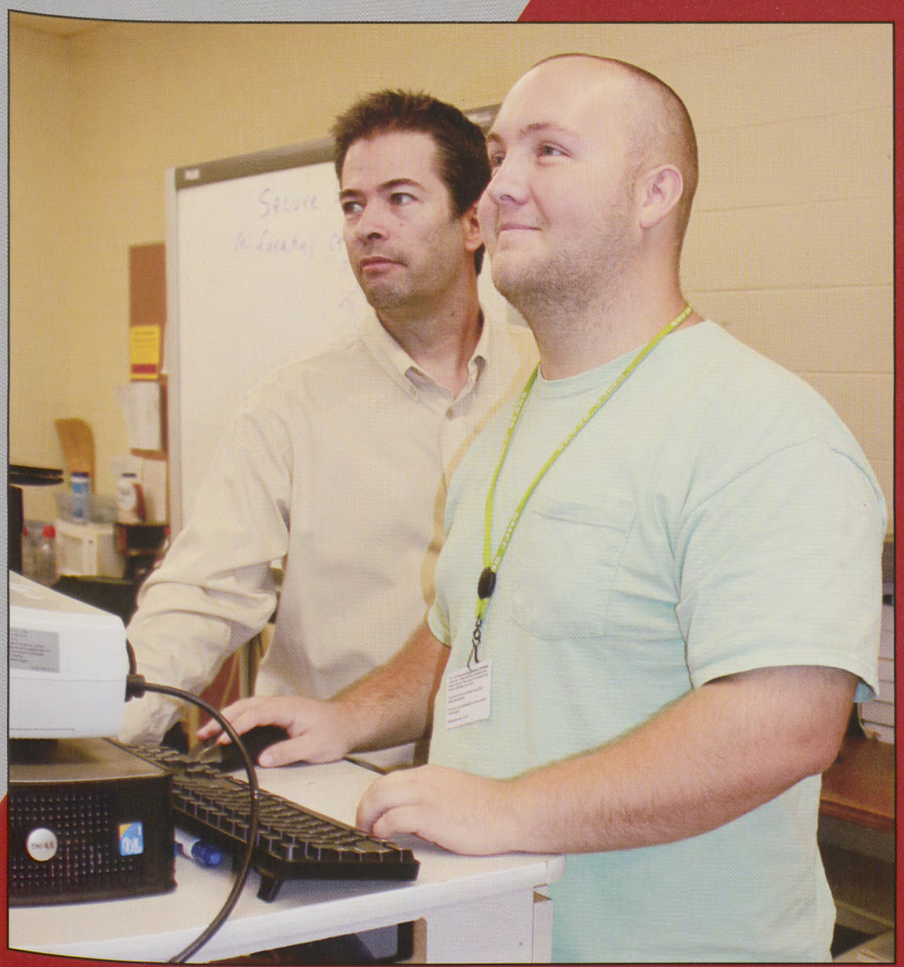
career and technical programs

Automotive Technology
Business and Office Related Technology
Carpentry (Residential)
Computer Network Support Technology
Commercial Truck Driving
Cosmetology
Diesel Equipment Technology
Early Childhood Education Technology
Electrical Technology
Health Information Technology
Heating and Air Conditioning
Marketing Management Technology
Massage Therapy
Health Care Assistant
Occupational Safety and Health
Practical Nursing
Process Operations Technology
Web Development Technology
Welding and Cutting
Well Construction Technology





above: Dan'Tario Magee and Garret Thorpe, Heat and Air Conditioning students, check gauges; top middle: Brian Miller, Information Systems Technology Instructor, and Christopher McKenzie, student, view a program on the newest technology; top right: Kayla Puder, Office Systems Technology student, works on a data document; bottom left: Patrick Muller and Christopher Stauffer saw a board for a project in Carpentry; Lyric Smith, Justin Ballew, James Blackwell, and Ethan Martin check their list as they inspect Kenna Hall.






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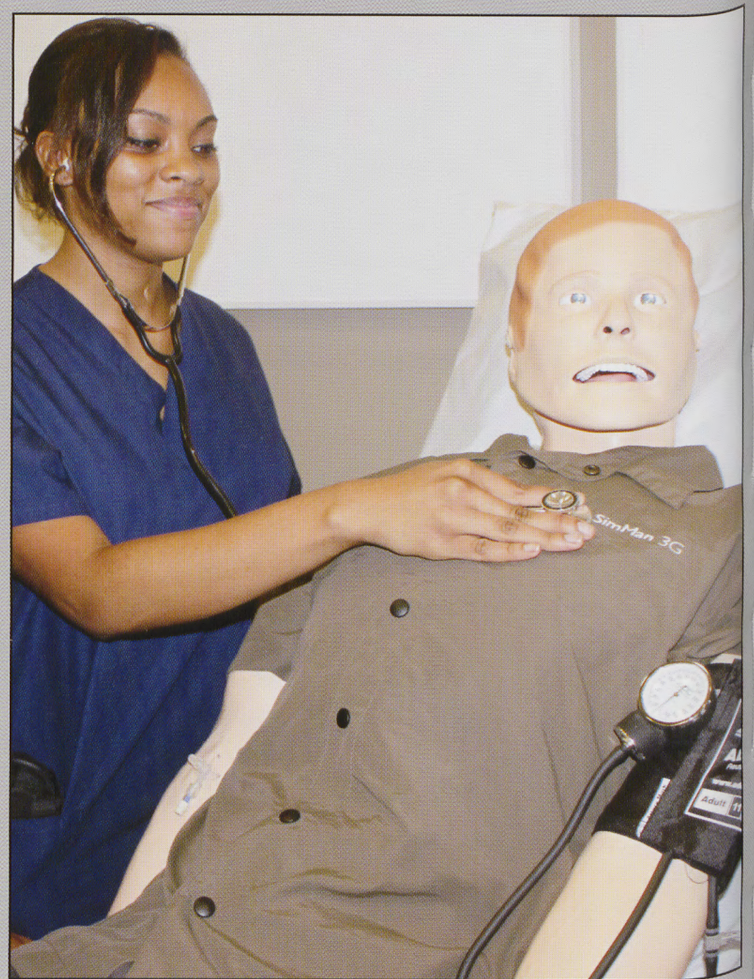
training prepares students

nurse assistant and practical nursing

Southwest offered many opportunities in the field of health care training. Meeting the demands of the growing population, the college offered students a one-year program in Practical Nursing and a one-semester program as a Nurse Assistant. In each curriculum, students learned nursing fundamentals they could use to educate the public as well as to use in the workforce place.

This year, students worked hard to achieve their goals by participating in countless routines given by their instructors and excelling in all that they did. From the modern training rooms to state-of-art equipment, students were given the training and instruction to take them into their future workplaces.

by Olivia Griffin



above: Kayla Bossier, Jessica Sharp, Bailie Stewart, and Meagan Childes take Treva Reid's blood pressure at the Career Fair; right: Kierra Dixon checks her patient's respiratory functions.



work inspires values

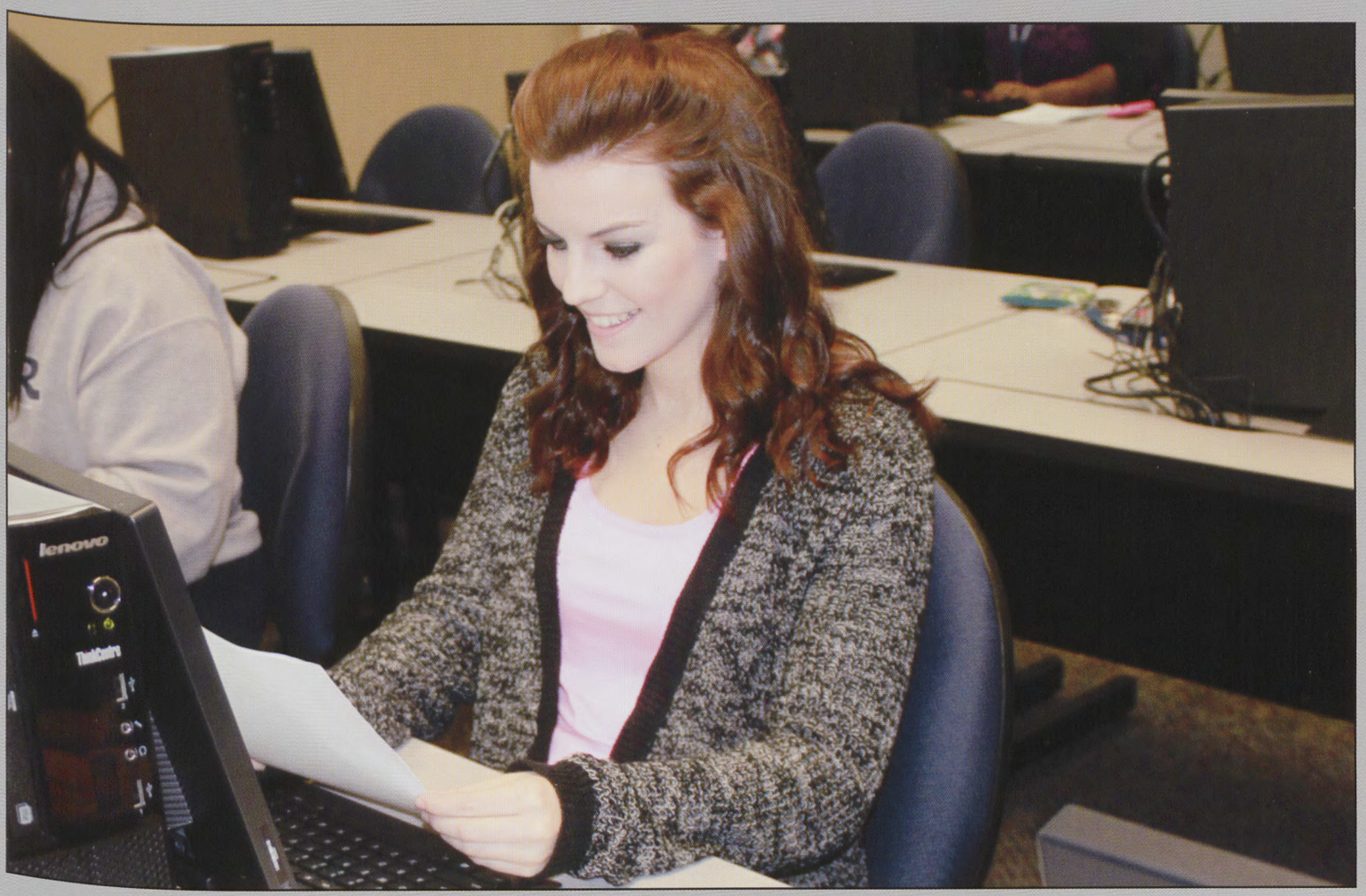
business/computer technology

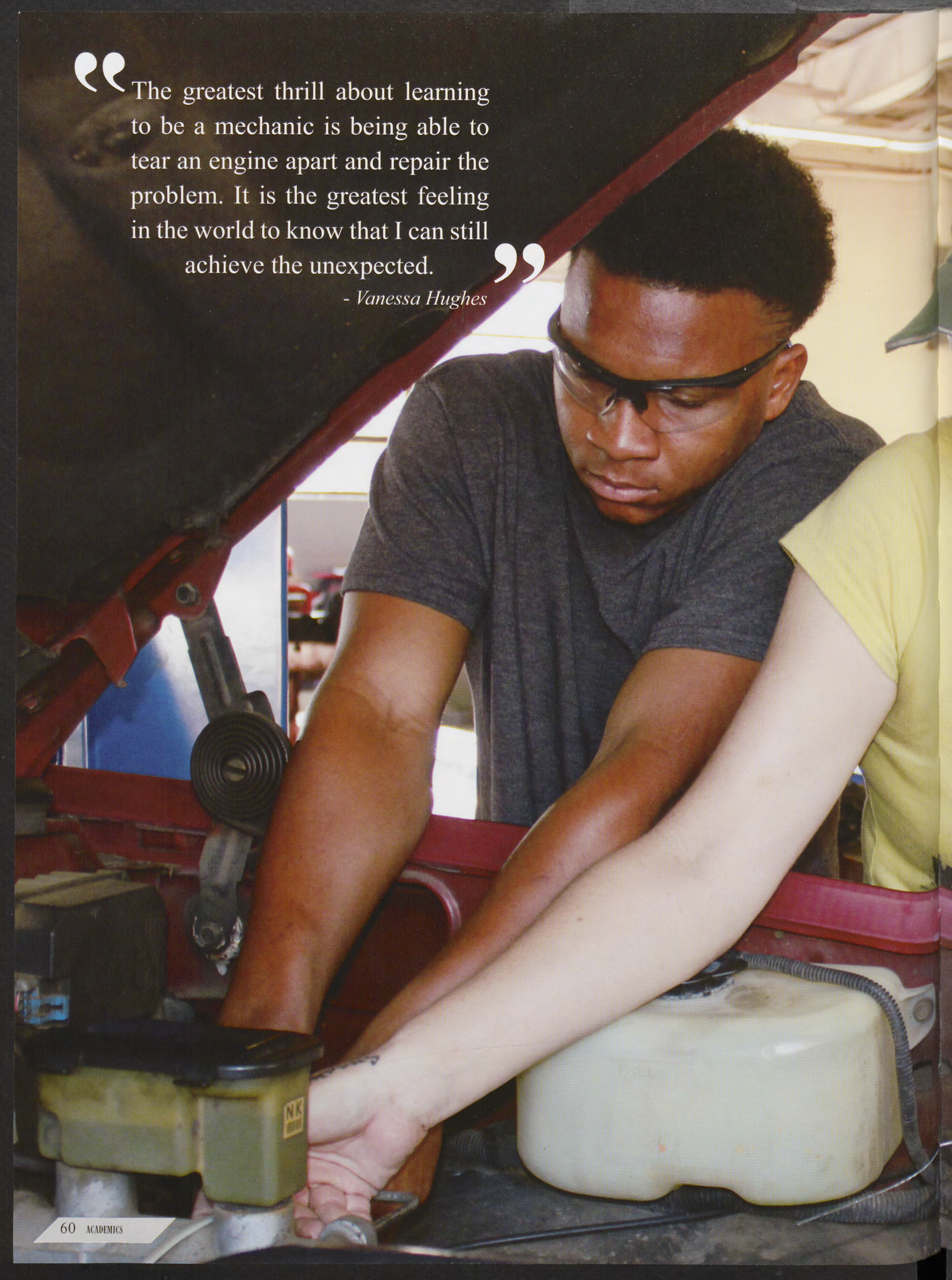
This year, students took action by delving deep within the realm of business and computer technology. Students learned valuable skills pertaining to real-life financial situations and were able to apply this knowledge to their everyday lives. The classes the instructors provided ranged from Macroeconomics to Computer Applications. Students in Macroeconomics learned about the phenomena of output, unemployment, and inflation.

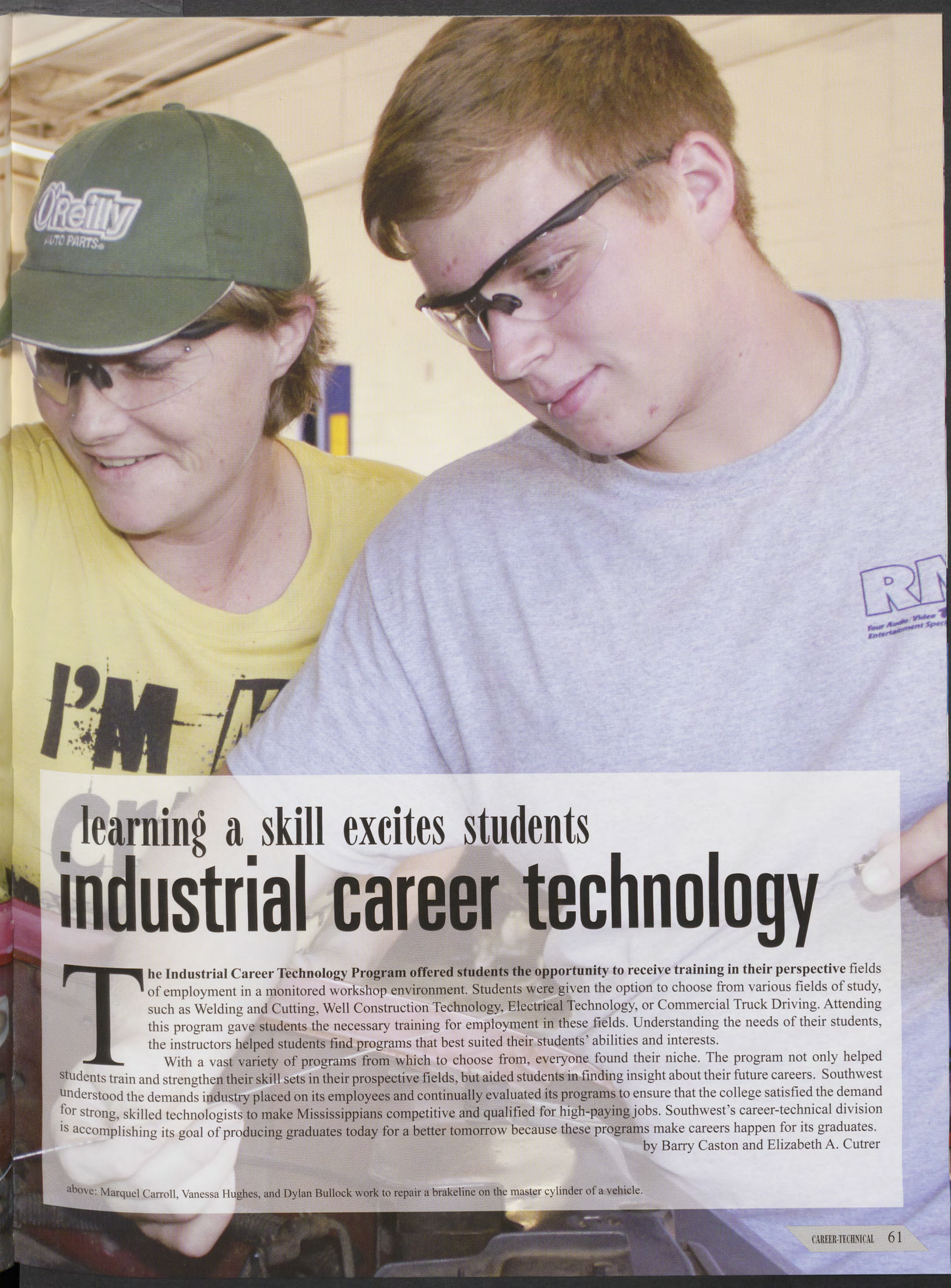
Students in Computer Concepts learned about different types of computers and their functions as well as discussed computer hardware, software, and the benefits of networking. These courses were essential because computers are used in almost every facet of modern life, especially in a working environment. Through the instruction of these courses, students were able to understand the core values of being a proficient, economically successful business person.

by Olivia Griffin

left: Chanda Hernandez reads over her assignment in Office Systems Technology; bottom: Hannah Walters proofreads her resume before turning it in to be assessed by her instructor.




"The greatest thrill about learning to be a mechanic is being able to tear an engine apart and repair the problem. It is the greatest feeling in the world to know that I can still achieve the unexpected."
- Vanessa Hughes



learning a skill excites students

industrial career technology

The Industrial Career Technology Program offered students the opportunity to receive training in their perspective fields of employment in a monitored workshop environment. Students were given the option to choose from various fields of study, such as Welding and Cutting, Well Construction Technology, Electrical Technology, or Commercial Truck Driving. Attending this program gave students the necessary training for employment in these fields. Understanding the needs of their students, the instructors helped students find programs that best suited their students' abilities and interests.

With a vast variety of programs from which to choose from, everyone found their niche. The program not only helped students train and strengthen their skill sets in their prospective fields, but aided students in finding insight about their future careers. Southwest understood the demands industry placed on its employees and continually evaluated its programs to ensure that the college satisfied the demand for strong, skilled technologists to make Mississippians competitive and qualified for high-paying jobs. Southwest's career-technical division is accomplishing its goal of producing graduates today for a better tomorrow because these programs make careers happen for its graduates.

by Barry Caston and Elizabeth A. Cutrer

above: Marquel Carroll, Vanessa Hughes, and Dylan Bullock work to repair a brakeline on the master cylinder of a vehicle.

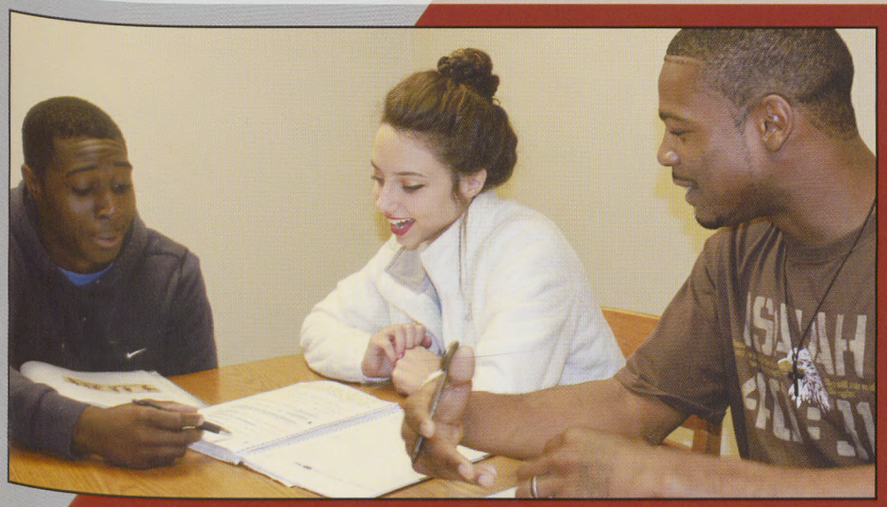


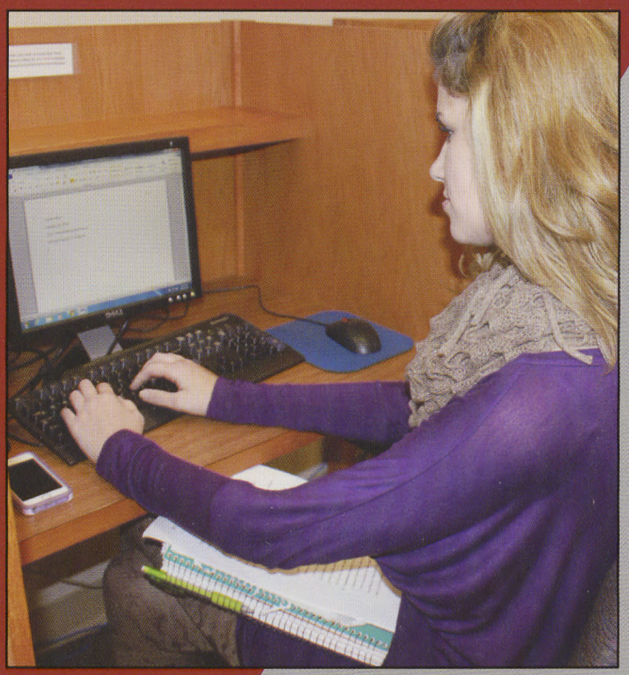
library ensures the excitement of learning
library-learning resource center

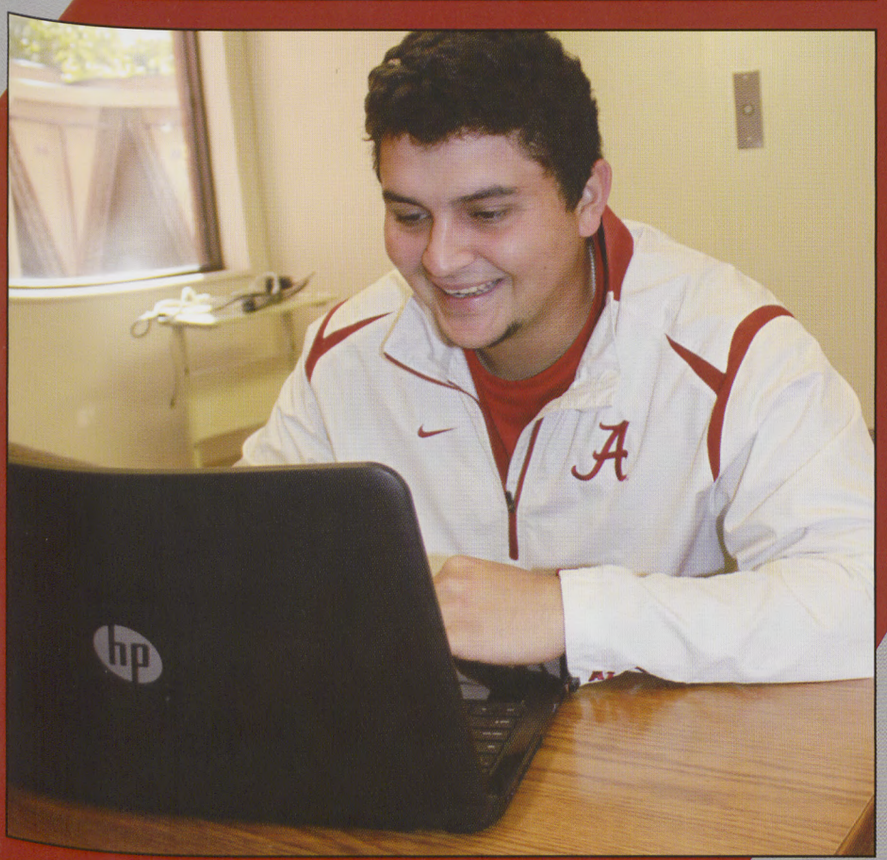
For those who were eager to excel in academics, the William C. and Lula B. Ford Library was the perfect place for students to achieve those goals. The library held a wide range of periodicals, vertical files, and computer research programs for reading or research purposes. It also held a multitude of books on different types of topics, such as history, art, literature, or science. The library also hosted a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform of practice called Magnolia, which allowed students to look up any information about any magazine or newspaper articles as well as books pertaining to the information they may have needed.

Students were also able to reserve designated study rooms for special study groups. There was also the Learning Lab filled with computers for students to type and print reports, browse the Internet for information and study tutorials. There were even tutors that provided excellent, personalized tutoring sessions for those in need of extra help to enhance their grades. The library offered students a quiet place to study along with the proper research materials necessary to help them succeed. The library provided the perfect environment for study and also had a wealth of research materials at hand with helpful librarians to assist.

by Barry Caston and Elizabeth A. Cutrer









left: Dylan Spiers uses his laptop to research information; opposite page: Reed Thames studies for a quiz in math class; top left: Gregory Hale, Haley Stafford, and Chris House discuss the presentation assignment; top right: Haylie Allen creates a MLA format document using the computer; above: Maribeth Jackson and Jamesha Butler compare notes.


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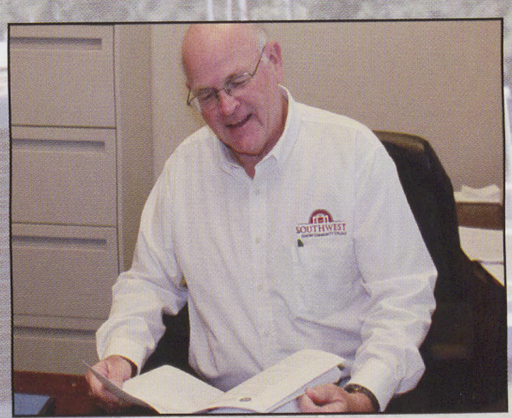
At Southwest the Regional Workforce Training Center was a very innovative tool that students used to help enrich and acquire the necessary skills for career paths they aspired to follow. By training in many career-technical programs, the Regional Workforce Training Center helped students select the appropriate career options they needed. The Center was under the direction of Wendy Smith. Through its workforce career-technical programs, and its relationship with the Pike County Economic Development District, Southwest has played a key role in economic development in southern Mississippi. In the past year, the center has hosted 796 training sessions for more than eleven-thousand people representing forty-seven different businesses. The facility has helped enhance the community's existing workforce as well as show potential businesses that Southwest has both a trained and skillful workforce to offer them.

Whether it was studying food preparation or learning about the oil and gas industry, the Regional Workforce Training Center offered students the opportunity to enhance their skills in various fields of study. Southwest offered a total of twenty-two career-technical programs. These skills included training and information pertaining to the oil and gas industry, law enforcement career, and the EMT first responders' unit. The Workforce Center was a positive feature that helped students hone their skills and prepare for their future workplace.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer







above: Amanda Price, Workforce Training Coordinator; Amy Beard, WIA Coordinator; Jill Gunnell, Workforce Training Coordinator; second row: Loran Gerald, Workforce Training Coordinator; Ron Wilson, Dropout Recovery Instructor; Charlotte Malone, Center Secretary; Tim Stogner, Assistant Workforce Director; third row: Carolyn Williams, ABE/GED Director; Wendy Smith, Workforce Director; Beverly Johnson, Secretary/Receptionist; Shree Montgomery, ABE/GED Instructor; not pictured: Janice McKellar, Workforce Training Specialist; Cindy Bennett, Dropout Recovery Specialist; top: Wendy Smith, Workforce Director, prepares her agenda for the next meeting; above right: Tim Stogner, Assistant Workforce Director, reads the latest information on oil drilling.



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above: Stage band members sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" during their Christmas performance.



ORGANIZATIONS


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trackers recruit with a smile

bear trackers

Bear Trackers were an elite group of students selected to be ambassadors for the college. Selection was based on an application and interview process through which sponsors evaluated each applicant's scholastic achievement, communication and leadership skills, and knowledge and enthusiasm of Southwest. Recommended by faculty and chosen by a faculty committee to assist in recruitment and public relations activities, a few select students were chosen to be Bear Trackers. This year, the Bear Trackers worked diligently to complete a myriad of tasks throughout the school year to stay active.

These tasks included attending intensive training sessions and regular meetings, volunteering at school-related functions, writing letters to prospective students as well as meeting with those students and their parents, and attending local high school college fairs. The group consisted of twenty-eight members who were also involved in different associations within the school, such as the Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa, Tri Beta, Phi Beta Lambda, Collegiate Deca, and the Baptist Student Union Leadership Team. Karinlee Brister and Pat Young sponsored the Bear Trackers.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer





opposite page: Destinee McGehee, Diego Garcia, University of Mississippi recruiter; Kelly Arnold, and Desirae McGehee laugh at a photograph; top left: Karinlee Brister, advisor; and Kelly Arnold examine the final roster for the Bear Trackers' group photograph; top right: Gage Gordon, Abby Hooks, and Leeanna Hodges work on details for the blood drive.



above: Pat Young, advisor; Leeanna Hodges, treasurer; Kelly Arnold, Emily Ashley, Kaley Ford, Destinee McGhee, Desirae McGhee, Sanetra Forbes, Aurora Diaz, Keely Fortenberry, Ashley Van Buren, Caitlin Harrell, Marisa Siebert, president; Karinlee Brister, advisor; second row: Daniel Bailey, Gage Gordon, Ethan Mannon, Abbey Hooks, Kaylee Johnson, Reagan Myers, Alexis Lott, Ardemis Wesley, Slaton Parker; back row: Sean Rushing, Cameron Catchings, Justin McCray, Allen Lampton, Bernard Nichols, and Wes Wroten

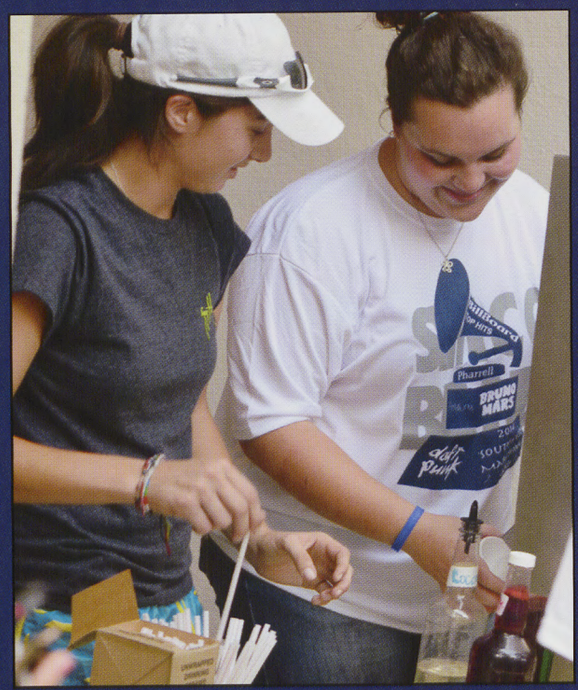
fellowship encourages others

baptist student union

The Baptist Student Union provided spiritual renewal, support, encouragement, and fellowship for many of Southwest's students. The comforts of home could be found there throughout the week. It often served as a home away from home for many students. The BSU helped encourage students who were interested in enhancing their relationship with Christ by giving them the opportunity to attend their weekly bible study on Monday nights at 7p.m. as well as attend their noonday Wednesday service, which included lunch for a two-dollar donation. Furthermore, students were also given the opportunity to sign-up for upcoming BSU events, such as the spring-break mission trip and numerous missions that occur within the Southwest Mississippi community. BSU Director Daniel Herndon said, "The BSU is a great place of worship and study. Here, students are welcome to fellowship with others and learn more about Christ. We are here to help deepen your faith in God, support you in the living of your faith, and help you use your gifts in ministering to others."

Students went above and beyond the academic scope this year with their involvement in the summer and spring-break mission trips. The spring break mission trip to New York City was a monumental occasion for BSU students to spread the gospel and to help others strengthen their faith in Christ and in themselves. These students had the opportunity to work in several different areas of the city alongside Southern Baptist career missionaries. Students spent countless hours working alongside the Unreached People Groups, working with international students at NYU, tutoring Hispanic children, and learning, as well as becoming aware, of sex trafficking. Marissa Siebert, a member of the BSU leadership team, said, "It is a tremendous blessing to be able to work alongside my friends and get the chance to meet others through this mission. It allowed us to truly understand what evangelism meant."

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer







above: Marlee Touchstone and Marisa Siebert make snowballs; top right: Wes Wroten and Kayla Puder play a card game; opposite page: Savannah Newton, Keely Fortenberry, and Sarah Bennett have fun at the Chrstmas Pajama party; right: Leadership Team: Jamie Caves, Marisa Siebert, Amy Freeman, Marlee Touchstone, Daniel Herndon, Allen Lampton, Keely Fortenberry, and Gage Gordon




SOUTHWEST
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members inspire others

wesley foundation

Wesley Foundation was a campus ministry, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, whose purpose was to help all students become disciples of Christ and carry out His great commission on campus. Led by advisor Melinda Bowlin, the Wesley Foundation nurtured Christian disciples by offering students opportunities for worship, missions, leadership study, fellowship, and support. Throughout the school year, bible studies were held every Tuesday evenings at six o'clock at the Wesley Center. According to Melinda Bowlin, students gained an experience of a lifetime when they attended Camp Timber Creek at the Wesley Retreat in Morton, Mississippi. Wesley students were able to gather, along with many other Wesley campus ministries from around the state, in a time of worship, learning, and fellowship. Students learned the values of leadership, fellowship, and having a Christian heart. Kendra Weary said, "The trip made me feel closer to God and helped me realize my full potential as a disciple of Christ."

Students showed their love for their community by participating in missions both on campus and abroad. During final's week, Wesley provided a pancake supper for those students who needed a break from their studying and encouraged them to finish the year with a bang! During the home basketball games, Wesley students served the fans of the basketball teams and forwarded the money earned at the concession stand towards some of Wesley's missions. During Spiritual Emphasis Week, the Wesley Foundation participated in the second day of the assembly by inviting guest speaker Linda Fox, Minister of Tylertown Baptist Church. As the keynote speaker, Fox conversed about experiences in her life that God helped her overcome and further related those victories to the power of Christ. Her example encouraged students to keep going no matter what obstacles life placed before them and reminded students that there was indeed a caring God who would always be there to catch them whenever they fell. James Reid said, "I would recommend the Wesley Foundation to anyone who is willing to join because it has helped me grow spiritually as well as more steadfast in my faith."

by Katelyn Bateaste and Rebekah Mote





left: Marquesha Lofton, Kendra Weary, Monica Robertson, and Recie Perry wear pink in support of Spirit Week; opposite page: Jesse Fassbender and Justin McCray do research for an upcoming Wesley meeting; above: D. J. Miller and Melinda Bowlin,Wesley advisor, sell snacks at the basketball concession stand.

choir sings in harmony

rejoicing sounds

Throughout the year, the choir recited a variety of conventional tunes, including John Rutter's "Gloria" and Kinley Lange's "Esto Les Digo." Drawn from the Ordinary of the Mass, John Rutter's "Gloria" was a Latin-based text that students found both enjoyable and challenging to learn. Accompanied by guest pianist Carolyn Fenn and SMCC's brass and percussion ensemble, Southwest's choir performed "Gloria" with great ease and dexterity, a brilliant display of the group's musical talent and showmanship. In the realm of contemporary music, the choir performed tunes such as "My God is Able," "For the Sake of Christ," "In Christ Alone," and "Psalm 91."

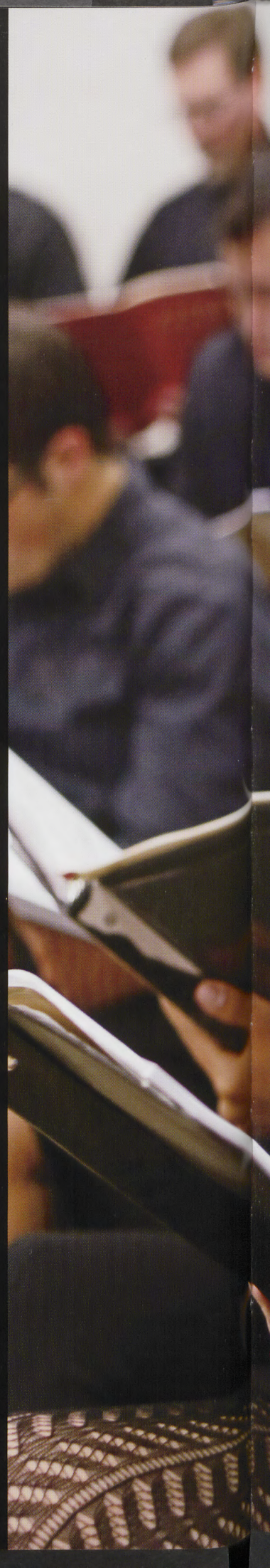
At the fall choir concert, these non-secular tunes kept the audience in a buoyant mood. Indubitably, the choir has performed a myriad of tunes this year that were beautiful, enchanting pieces that many people found to be awe-inspiring. Whether it was singing in the Christmas and Spring Stage Band Shows, or performing on stage with renowned pianist Gordon Mote at New High Baptist Church, the choir sang with resilient conviction wherever they performed.

by Rebekah Mote, Katelyn Bateaste, and Elizabeth A. Cutrer





above: Rebekah Mote, Ciara Dixon, Rachel Pace, Skylar Easely, Kendra Weary, Aurora Diaz, Ashleigh Chatfield, Elizabeth A. Cutrer; second row: Reagan Myers, Diamond Honeycutt, Dana Walker, Laramie Callihan, Marisa Siebert, Lacee Quiroz, Jamesha Butler, Carolynn Fenn, pianist; Joe Elliott, choir director; third row: Deashley Bickham, Shaquilla Jordan, Kadarrius Holmes, Chris Calcote, Hunter Willis, D.J. Miller, Ashton Oliver, Haylie Allen; fourth row: Garvin Hart, Krawford Boyd, Benard Nichols, Ethan Mannon, Taylor Leggett, and Kaylee Johnson; top: Joe Elliott, choir director, directs the choir in the finale of "Gloria;" opposite page: Aurora Diaz, Lacee Quiroz and Haylie Allen perform "Esto Les Digo" at the concert.







networking builds positive experiences

student nursing organization

Creating an atmosphere for success, the Student Nursing Organization (S.N.O.) provided nursing students with a proxy that would allow them to communicate with other students in the same career field. S.N.O. served the community by participating in many activities. To start the year off, S.N.O members attended a "Welcome Back Party" in which students enjoyed lively music and festive activities.

Throughout the year, S.N.O. members were able to participate in a plethora of events, some of which included: Relay for Life; the Diabetes 5K Walk/Run in McComb, Mississippi; the SMCC Blood Drive, and local health fairs at surrounding schools and churches. They also participated in a national initiative, entitled "Joining Forces," to honor veterans within the community and abroad. In December, S.N.O. mailed care packages to troops in Afghanistan. The event that seemed to inspire the S.N.O. students the most about their career choice was the Lunch Box for Life to benefit Children's Pediatric Cancer Clinic at Blair E. Batson Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. These experiences allowed S.N.O. to test their nursing skills in both the classroom and abroad.

by Katelyn Bateaste and Katelynn Roberts









left: Associate Degree Nursing class officers are the following: Karteek Yernini, Social Committee and Curriculum; Stephanie Johnson, Vice President and Evaluating Committee; Brittney Frantom, Social Committee; Kristian Prescia, Social Committee; Bridgett Dillon, Secretary; Chynethia Cannon, Evaluating Committee; Taylor Foster, Learning Resources Committee; Miranda Boyte, President, Professional and Publicity Committee; Valeri Ray, Treasurer; Craig Callihan, Admissions; top left: Debbie Mizell, Counselor Enrollment Coordinator, explains the requirements for scholarships to Decarloe Fortenberry, Jamie Andrews, and Ashton Aldridge at the ADN Career Fair; opposite page: Sherika McGhee signs her name to give blood as ADN students Dana McIntyre and Kathryn Fegan assist her; above: Sophia Bickham, Erica Baham, Kristi Galloway check patient's heart rate.

competing improves skills

phi beta lambda



Bringing business and education together through modern leadership and career development programs, Phi Beta Lambda was a business organization that helped students, regardless of major, develop their professionalism and garner long lasting friendships that would help in both the personal and professional world. This national organization helped many students advance their knowledge and helped them realize their full potential as successful individuals.

Prospective Phi Beta Lambda members were inducted into the organization during a ceremony at the Horace C. Holmes Student Union. PBL provided its members with leadership opportunities and professional development to accomplish their primary goal: to build leaders. At the Phi Beta Lambda State Competition in Columbus, Mississippi, hosted by the Mississippi University for Women, PBL members Amber Lirette, Chanda Hernandez, Jessica Turner, Tiffini Wells, Anna Cutrer, and Katelyn Bateaste received numerous awards in marketing, processing, hospitality, and management.

by Katelyn Bateaste and Elizabeth A. Cutrer





top right: Joan-Quilla Jones works on a sign for the homecoming float; far right: Emily Taylor lights her candle at the PBL Initiation ceremony; right: Melissa Nicholson smiles as the witch on the PBL winning float; below: Cheyenne Cooper, Ashley Coleman, Brandi Everett, Sharon Williams, Angel Bonneval, Doni Holmes-Brown, Sally Nichols, Stacy Miller, Shanarraya Martin, Nicholas Hastings, Luke Snow, Taylor Wren, Jessica Turner, Melissa Nicholson, Katelyn Bateaste, Heather Wages, Katelynn Roberts, Alicia Pigott, Maalika Wells, Stephen Lusk, Chanda Hernandez, Emily Taylor, Renee Armstreet, Joan-Quilla Jones



members serve to help others

collegiate deca

Collegiate DECA was a student organization that provided students with the opportunity to reach their career goals as leaders and entrepreneurs. Throughout the year, Collegiate DECA members put their knowledge into action through rigorous project-based activities that required creative solutions with practical outcomes. Committed to making a difference in community service, At the Mississippi Collegiate DECA Career Development Conference in Gulfport, Mississippi, students competed with other students across the globe in events related to their majors and gained real world experience.

For the seventh year in a row, all of Collegiate DECA's competing students earned the honor of representing Mississippi at the 53rd Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference in Washington, D.C., at the end of spring. Collegiate DECA received the Most Enthusiastic Chapter of the Year Award, the Collegiate DECA Foundation Gold Star, the Mississippi Collegiate DECA State Charity Award for their numerous community service projects. Students received many awards and honors for their academic achievements, business skills, and community service projects.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer







above: Kelsey Martin waves to fans during the homecoming parade; top right: Blake Roberts and Kayla Boyd stuff pencils into a bag to give to children at the parade; bottom right: Chantel McCray completes tying ribbons to SMCC mugs for a Christmas project to help promote DECA and the business and marketing program.


If I Only
had a brain

scholars instruct others

tri beta

Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society was a society for undergraduate students dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological studies and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. Tri Beta initiated twenty-five students into its organization during the Spring Tri Beta Initiation Ceremony held at the Horace C. Holmes Student Union Building. Throughout the year, Tri Beta has participated in a variety of extracurricular programs. The organization also participated in Jumpstart's "Read for the Record." At the Early Childhood Education Center, Tri Beta members, Leeanna Hodges and Zoborea Rodgers, helped preschool students read Rosemary Wells' story entitled, Bunny Cakes, as well as helped the children create their very own food pyramids in which many of the children's drawings depicted a variety of delicious cakes and polished carrots. Jumpstart's campaign, "Read for the Record," has helped build a brighter future for millions of children across the nation, a future in which every child has the chance to succeed.

The program has helped emphasize the importance of early literacy skills, especially in children under the age of five. Tri Beta's Head Advisor, Dr. Alana Gabler, said, "It is never too early to invest in teaching the importance of early literacy skills; and, the connection between college students and preschool students is quite beneficial for all involved." It was a privilege for Tri Beta members to be a part of such a noble program of service. Tri Beta also assisted in the manufacture of the Body Walk exhibit at a local elementary school. The Body Walk was a unique health education program designed to educate elementary school students across the state of Mississippi on the importance of being physically active and making good nutrition choices. The Body Walk program provides education and activities that enable youth to learn skills needed in making good nutrition choices and developing a healthy lifestyle. In the fall, Tri Beta members helped with the Math and Science Department homecoming float and the Science Building homecoming decorations.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer







opposite page: Courtney Bates decorates the homecoming float; top left: Katie Hester signs her name as a new member; above: Leeanna Hodges and Zoborea Rodgers read to Luke Le Blanc, Elaina Alexander, and Ardynn Wilson; left: Robin Kuntz, advisor; Jessica St. Pierre, Brittany Moak, Keely Fortenberry, Sarah Bennett, Courtney Bates, Paytience Davis-Hinton, Nicole Daigle, Riley Walls, Jessica Tate, Tiffany Westmoreland; second row:Demetrius Quin, Savannah Newton, Matt Codding, Allen Lampton, Sheldon Barnes, Katie Hester, Damiya McCollough, Brandi Paquin, and Alana Gabler, advisor


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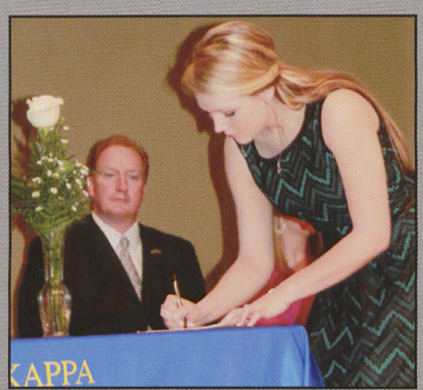


scholars explore resources
phi theta kappa

Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Delta Chapter was an honor's society formed on academic achievements. Phi Theta Kappa was parallel to the high school BETA honor society. To be welcomed into PTK, a student must have completed fifteen college hours in one college semester and have attained a 3.5 or higher grade point average. Once inducted into PTK, students had to maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average. Academic expectations were high getting into PTK, but once students were inducted, many incentives came along with membership. Each year, the Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Delta Chapter traveled to the Mississippi and Louisiana Regional Conference, which Jackson State University hosted this year.

Throughout the year, members volunteered in a variety of functions, such as collecting canned goods for MICAH and participating in the Mississippi 5K Run for Diabetes. PTK also traveled to the International Phi Theta Kappa conference in Orlando, Florida, April 24-26th. While at the International "NerdNation" Convention, Omicron Delta members were able to experience a multitude of educational sessions on how to foster personal and chapter development, how to train and cultivate future leaders, and how to present award-winning Honors in Action projects. Students were also able to devote some of their time to visiting the convention's Senior College Transfer Fair and some of Disney's main theme park attractions. Omicron Delta's Chapter President Leeanna Hodges said, "The greatest feeling is to be part of such a great honor society that devotes its time to helping students engage in opportunities of a lifetime!"

by Katelyn Bateaste and Elizabeth A. Cutrer







above: J.J. Kemp, President; Landon Mabile, Vice-President of Service; Chris Stewart, Vice-President of Leadership; Jessica St. Pierre, Secretary; Jessica Ryals, Vice-President of Scholarship; second row: Lea Touchstone, Advisor; Sarah J. Szopinski, Jessica Helton, Dominique Joseph, Michael Shane Warren, Kayla M. Puder, Wade Alexander Brown, Emily Elaine Alford, Hope M. Ryals, Jackson H. Wall, Marla Nottingham, Huda Mohammad, Danielle Conerly, Celestial James, Susan Hedges, Advisor; not pictured: Anna Badon, Michelle Buras, Teryn Chandler, Robert Gatlin, Sarah Goodwin, Lawanda Johnson, Chase Ladd, Emma Lockwood, Miranda McGehee, Mary Margaret McLaurin, Chelsea Nette, Melissa Nicholson, Kamekia Patterson, Kristin Terrell, Brian Pittman, Vice-President of Fellowship; and Elizabeth A. Cutrer, Vice-President of Public Relations

opposite page: Lucy Puder, Leeanna Hodges, and Alex Bui organize cheese for distribution;
above right: Macayla Jones, Sarah Szopinski and Christian Green pick up litter on campus:
top left: Jessica Ravencraft signs the book at the induction ceremony.

staff celebrates success

pine burr

The *Pine Burr* was one of the major news resources for students and faculty to stay informed of the events and happenings across campus. While on the *Pine Burr* staff, students gained knowledge through communication with others and through analytical research as well as computer and grammar skills. While on staff, students learned to use the Quark computer program which was used as the template for the paper before it was sent to the *Enterprise Journal*. When the papers were delivered at the end of the month, each individual on *The Pine Burr* staff single-handedly distributed the newspapers to every building located on campus.

Members stayed hard at work throughout the duration of the year to keep the students, alumni, and faculty informed on athletic events, alumni achievements, student organizations, world events, educational programs, and cultural activities. There was never a shortage of talented members on the staff; students ranged from cartoonist to photographers or journalists. *The Pine Burr* staff had the honor of attending the 16th Annual O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, which was hosted by the Mississippi Press Association Education Foundation. *The Pine Burr* received eight awards at the event. Brook Cartwright's "Brooke Cartwright visits China" took first place in the General News Story. Sammikay Clark's "Legends" photograph took first place in the Spot News Photo and her photograph entitled "Bear Trackers Win" took second place in the General News Photo competition. Kayla Boyd's "Don't judge a book by its cover" article took third place in the Editorials competition and Lanie Jo Connelly received honorable mention for her "Hoofer Troopers" cartoon.

by Rebekah Mote, Maa'Lika Wells, and Elizabeth A. Cutrer





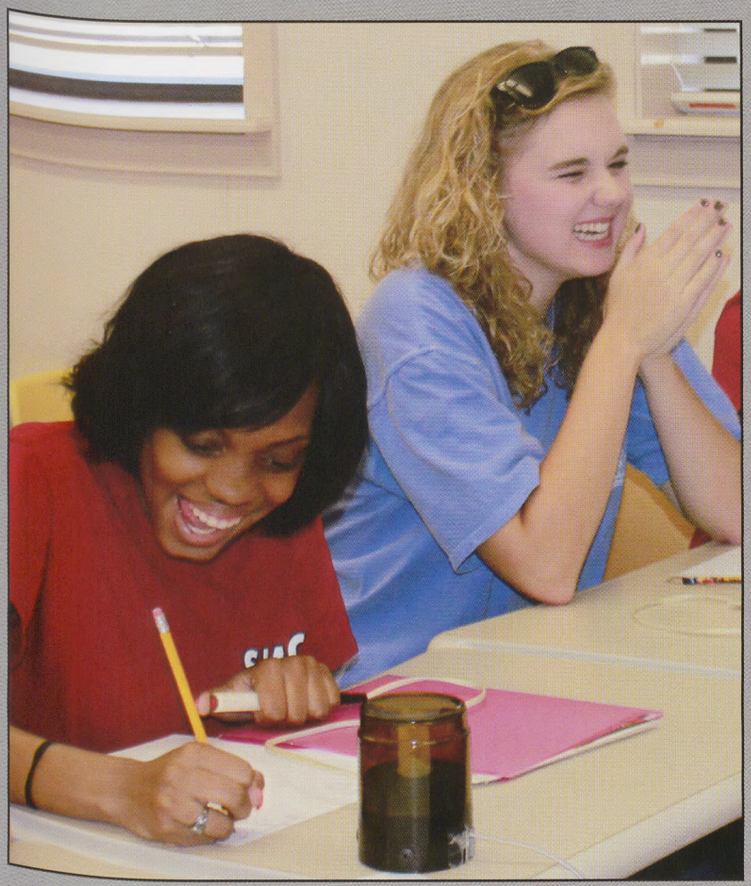




above: Olivia Griffin, cartoonist, draws a cartoon of the "Rambunctious Bears" for the newspaper; top right: Elizabeth A. Cutrer, editor, reads the latest edition of the *Pine Burr*; middle right: Todd Williams, Victoria Coley, Miah Cazanov, Seth Nieman, Katelynn Roberts, Phyllis Moore, and Rebekah Mote pose with their First Place Homecoming car; right: Alyssa Nobles, Ashanna Huff, Heather Crosby, Marquesha Lofton, Olivia Griffin, Tori Coley; second row: Rebekah Mote, Terineka Allen, Jamie Harness, Katelynn Roberts, Katelyn Bateaste, Miah Cazanov; third row: Elizabeth A. Cutrer, Todd Williams, Jamion Lowery, Seth Nieman, Phyllis Moore, and Joyce Mabry, advisor

knowledge creates excitement

scholars' bowl





above: Leeanna Hodges checks the score of each team; top: Katie Briggs and Abbey Hooks laugh as they get the correct answer.

Scholars' Bowl was an extracurricular activity for students who dared to test their knowledge in all subjects. To be part of the team, students were interviewed by Karen May and Dori Richardson. Anyone who wanted to participate in the practice was more than welcome to attend.

In October, the team traveled to Faulkner State Community College in Gulf Shores, Alabama, to compete against numerous community colleges across the nation. At the competition, students were on edge and felt the need to succeed. Their determination paid off! The A-team won four out of eight matches and the B-team won a match. Christian Green, with a total of three-hundred-and-thirty-five points and an average of forty-two points per game, came in eighth place of sixty-one participants. Students were also able to eat at the Lambert's Café, home of the "thrown rolls." November was also a promising month for the group as they traveled to Jasper, Alabama, to compete once again in a national Scholars Bowl competition. At the end of every year, Scholars' Bowl also participates in the local high school Quiz Bowl. Scholars' Bowl provides students with a competitive environment to hone their knowledge of a wide variety of topics. It also helps them build strong leadership skills while learning how to work as a team.

by Rebekah Mote and Elizabeth A. Cutrer



above: Katie Briggs, Aurora Diaz; second row: Randy Welch, Leeanna Hodges, Abbey Hooks, Delilah Beesley, Caitlin Harrell, Karen May, advisor; Dori Richardson, advisor; Christian Green

"Quiz Bowl has given me the chance to enjoy the company of my team while discussing a plethora of topics!"

- Aurora Diaz

leaders impress fellow students

student government association

Planning numerous events all over campus, the elected officers of the Student Government Association were sure to impress. The officers hosted events such as Meet the Bears, Tailgating Party, Movie On The Lawn, Bonfire Pep Rally, Parade of Beauties, Basketball 8:30 Madness, Southwest's Got Talent, and all assemblies. The SGA participated in the A.P.E.X conference at The University of Mississippi where officers learned leadership and team development skills.

The SGA was created to provide students with a group of peer representatives that work on their behalf to ensure the college met the students acdemic and study life needs. The organization wanted to make the students' college experience the best that it could be. The SGA encouraged students to get involved around campus. Ashley Gray, Director of Student Activities and Housing, said, "The SGA is the backbone of student life at SMCC. They are fully involved and are committed to expanding students' overall experience here at Southwest."

by Katelynn Roberts





above: Dr. Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs; Jalea Robinson, Event Committee member; and Maurey Bland, Event Committee member; discuss the next meeting; right: Katelynn Roberts decorates the Christmas tree; top right: Justin McCray speaks at the Veterans' Day program; far right: Sarah Szopinsky, Leeanna Hodges and Justin McCray work the photo booth at the tailgate party.





SGA Officers



above: Dr. Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs/Athletic Director; Justin McCray, President; Marisa Siebert, Vice-President; Sarah Szopinski, Secretary; Leeanna Hodges, Treasurer

Sophomore Class Officers

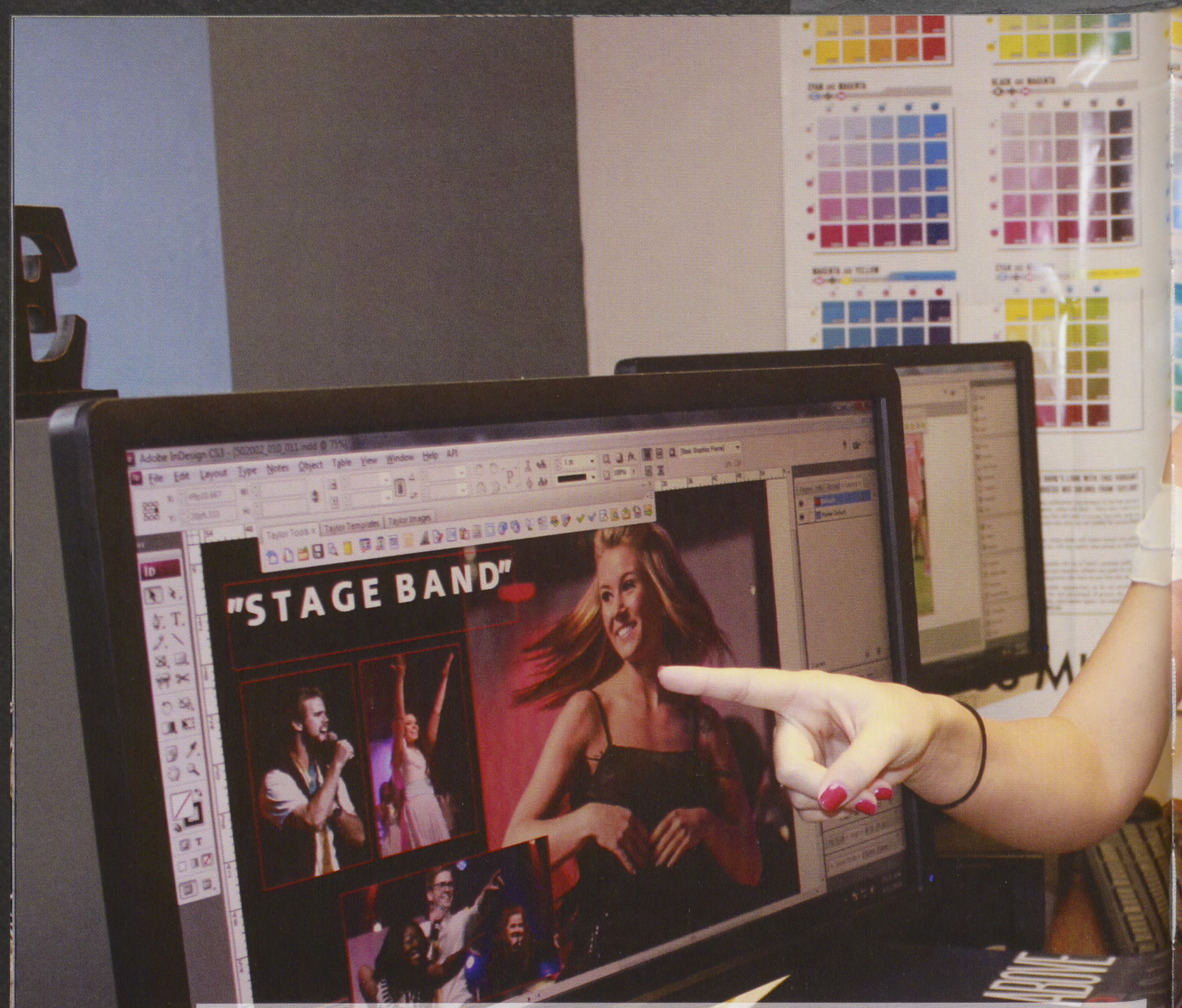


above: Dr. Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs/Athletic Director; Shaden Miller, President; Taylor Gregory, Vice-President; Courtney Bates, Secretary; Allen Lampton, Treasurer

Freshman Class Officers



above: Dr. Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs/Athletic Director; Justin Lofton, President; Katelynn Roberts, Vice-President; Alexis Lott, Secretary; Kaylee Johnson, Treasurer



staff records the good times

whispering pines

***Whispering Pines'* staff and Joyce Mabry, advisor, painted the town red this year by creating a** yearbook worth celebrating! Members worked countless hours learning professional techniques in order to create a praiseworthy yearbook using Adobe InDesign3. Writing copies, designing layouts, and proofreading pages were just a few examples of what students dedicated their time to in order to meet deadlines ahead of schedule.

To celebrate each deadline met, pizza parties were held. Members of the *Whispering Pines* chose "Celebrate" as this year's theme to ceremonialize everyone and everything at Southwest Mississippi Community College. The *Whispering Pines* staff and the *Pine Burr* staff were honored to be chosen as this year's homecoming parade winner in the car and truck division. Students worked diligently to stay a step above anything and everything on and off campus. This year's yearbook was definitely worth a celebration as was the 2014 year book. It won First in Cover, First in Typography, and First in Design in the MS Community and Junior College Press Association (MCJCPA) competition.

by Ashanna Huff



above: Rebekah Mote, co-editor; Terineka Allen, Marquesha Lofton, Seth Nieman, Heather Crosby, Sarah Bennett, editor; Ashanna Huff, and Raykesha Carter; second row: Caitlin Harrell, Miah Cazanov, Elizabeth A. Cutrer, co-editor; Phyllis Moore, Katelynn Roberts, co-editor; and Aurora Diaz



opposite page above: Sarah Bennett, editor, and Savannah Newton, co-editor, proof pages; above: Elizabeth A. Cutrer and Rebekah Mote, co-editors, discuss design layouts.



teaching inspires members

future educators of america

Future Educators of America (FEA) was an organization which had a purpose to provide students with opportunities to explore teaching as a career option, help students gain a realistic understanding of the nature of education and the role of the teacher. FEA also provided students with skills to coordinate information about teaching as a profession, employment opportunities, financial assistance options, and educational issues. Led by advisor Gwen May, FEA members met three times a semester on Mondays at noon in the Humanities building on campus. Here, members were served lunch and discussed upcoming events that FEA sponsored or contributed to FEA. The Future Educators of America embraced students who were fascinated in educational related careers.

FEA members helped serve the community and allowed members to be more familiar with the aspect of teaching by providing tutoring sessions in the library with children from local elementary schools. During the SMCC homecoming parade, FEA decorated a car to represent the significance of education. Members walked alongside the car to hand out pencils, erasers, and candy to children attending the parade. Also, FEA assembled and distributed appreciation baskets for the faculty in honor of National Education Week. This allowed members to show their appreciation for their instructors' roles as educators in their lives.

by Katelyn Bateaste and Elizabeth A. Cutrer



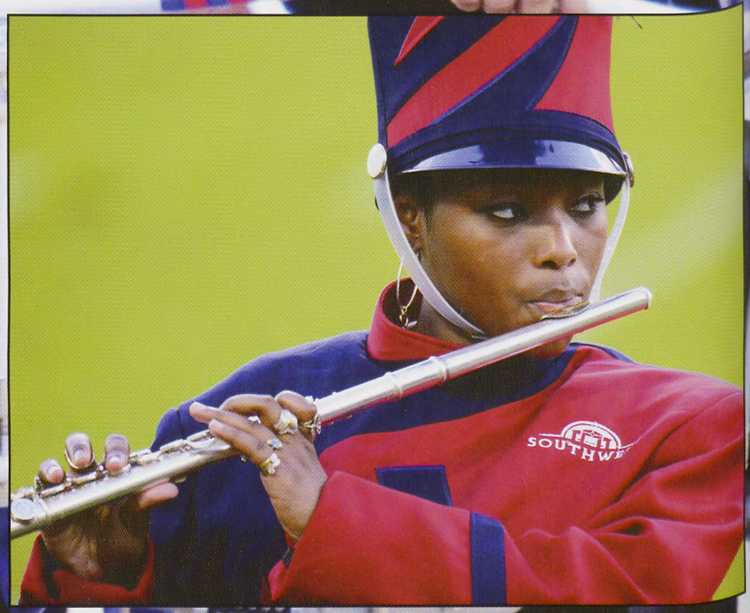


opposite page: Erika Holloway, Sarah Bennett, Raykesha Carter, Rachel Pace, and Katelyn Bateaste prepare appreciation baskets for the faculty during National Education Week; right: Katelyn Bateaste, FEA Secretary; Gwen May, FEA Advisor; and Sarah Bennett, FEA President, greet new members; above: Raykesha Carter signs her name as a new member of the organization.

"Working with the FEA to excite others about teaching inspires me to complete my courses in education and become the best educator I can possibly be."

-Katelyn Bateaste





right: Madison Caire directs the marching band; far right: Alexis Butler plays her flute while marching on the football field; above: Tanner Smith, Ras Felder, Jonathon Traigle, My'Andra Brown, and Ethan Mannon excite the crowd at the tailgating party.



students crank up the sound

marching band

Amongst all the celebration and activities on campus was the Marching Band. Under the direction of Dr. Andrew Dale and Dr. Jason Mathena, the band exhibited an astounding performance this year. "Billboard's Top #1 Hits" was the theme chosen for this year's halftime show. The band performed tunes such as Pentatonix's "Daft Punk Melody," Pharrell William's "Happy," and an arrangement of tunes by Bruno Mars.

Whether it was marching at halftime or playing at the basketball games, the marching band kept to the beat and displayed their motivation, talent, and commitment for performing music. In addition to participating in the marching band, many band members also performed in other ensembles such as the Steel Pan Orchestra, Choir, and the Stage Band Ensemble. From stepping forward onto the field to parades and other school functions, the band's devotion was seen by all.

by Rebekah Mote and Elizabeth A. Cutrer

redline entertains

steel drum band, redline, and color guard

Steel drums have always sounded vivacious and Southwest's was no exception! The Steel Drums made Southwest an amusing place to be for any enthusiast of music with harmonious talent. Under the leadership of Jason Mathena, the band was taught many new energetic songs that could be heard and enjoyed by all.

The steel pan band played at many different events throughout the year and showed a certain superiority everywhere they went. Also, the redline and color guard kept audiences astonished and entertained at many football games this year. Both lines performed with success and quality while showing that Southwest was a step above the rest.

by Ashanna Huff

"I look up to the people who keep on dancing even after the music has stopped, because those are the people who will keep on trying."

-Kayla Jones

steel drum band



above: Diamond Honeycutt, Jonathon Traigle, Dominique Redding, My'Andra Brown, Elizabeth Hobbie, LaMichael Bonds, Justin Taylor, Treyveon Rayford, Kaylee Johnson, Tanner Smith, Heather Boyd, Ethan Mannon, Skylar Easley, Dana Walker, Denzel Ragas, Ervin Jackson, Rebecca Richmond, DeAngelo Howard, Gabrielle Tate

redline



above: Miracle Montgomery, Arswanakee Magee, Emily Baughman, Victoria Smith, Taylor Busbin, Abbey Hooks, Lacee Quiroz, Karly Smith, Kayla Jones, Harley Menard

color guard



above: Haylie Allen, Rachel McCulley, Kelly Arnold, Laramie Callihan, Shaquilla Jordan, Caitlyn Whatley, Reagan Myers, Ashley Tillery, Emily Brumfield

opposite page: Kayla Jones and Lacee Quiroz perform at a football game.


BillBoard
TOP HITS
Pharrell
BRUNO MARS
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daft punk

"the twelve grooves of christmas"

celebration: a southwest christmas

During the first week of December, the stage band debuted their annual Christmas Stage Band Show, entitled, "Celebration: A Southwest Christmas." Since the early 20th century, the Christmas Stage Band Show has become a perennial favorite for the local community and has entertained thousands of individuals throughout the years since its inception. This year's Christmas Stage Band Show was a phenomenal hit! It featured a plethora of Christmas show tunes that enticed the audience after each curtain call. It was also a night of great cheer and charity. Spectators were invited to donate a canned good upon entering the complex as well as leave a donation for Operation Christmas Child. This year's Christmas Stage Band Show included performances such as: "Celebration," "Frozen Motown Medley," "Santa's In Town," "A Christmas Love Song," "Greensleeves," "O Holy Night," "Mary Did You Know," "The Grinch," "Shake Up Christmas," "Four Karats," "Little Drummer Boy," and "The Twelve Grooves of Christmas." Dr. Mathena's spin on the holiday classic, "The Twelve Grooves of Christmas," instantly became a crowd favorite. There were also performances given by the blues band, steel pans ensemble, and choir.

After the intermission, stage band vocalists Jalea Robinson, Trey Wen, Wes Wroten, Darius Jones, and Jonathon Traigle performed their rendition of Pentatonix's "Little Drummer Boy," along with the Steel Pans Ensemble and rhythm accompaniment. Then, Taylor Gregory stepped onto stage for her performance of Janet McMahan-Wilson and Ted Wilson's "Something's Up (Down in Bethlehem)." Next, Timothy Watkins, Reagan Costilow, Wes Wroten, Gage Gordon, and Slaton Parker presented an endearing performance of "On This Winter's Night," by Lady Antebellum. Throughout the show, special performances were also given by Taylor Gregory, Erika Alford, Hannah Monroe, James Green, Shelby Price, Diamond Honeycutt, and Kaylee Johnson. Amidst all of these performances, the number one tune that showcased the entire stage band show was the performance of Matt Moran's "For Freedom." This presentation honored the sacrifice of the men and women who had served in the military, to all the bold and the brave of the United States of America and her allies that had died in her honor. Indubitably, this year's Christmas Stage Band Show was an amazing sensation to behold!

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer







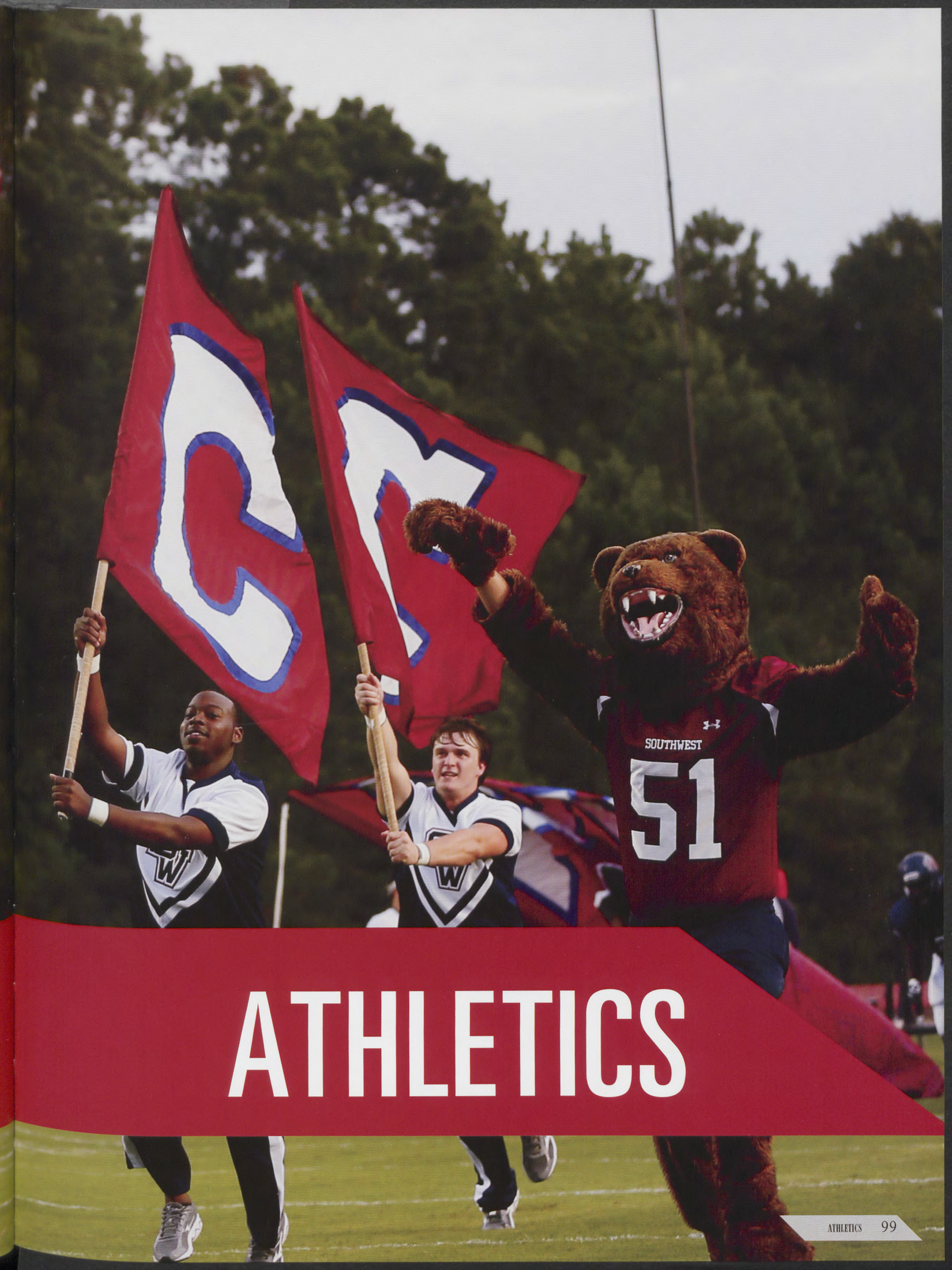
opposite page: Kelly Arnold, Emily Baughman, Jalea Robinson, Lacee Quiroz, and Karly Smith blow kisses towards the audience as Kayla Jones, Reagan Costilow, Mahalah Byrd, and Taylor Busbin stike poses behind them; far right: Timothy Watkins, disguised as Elvis Presley, serenades the audience with a soothing lullaby during his performance in the "Twelve Grooves of Christmas;" right: Taylor Gregory dances to "Oye Como Va" during the "Twelve Grooves of Christmas."





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above: Brady Lea, Brody East, Derek Magee,Taylor Rutland, and Timothy Watkins-Charlie the Bear run onto the field at the beginning of the Co-Lin game.



ATHLETICS


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bears fight to the end zone

showing off

Bears started the season with great determination and ended with improvements. Though the Bears' 3-5 record might not say much for the team, their heart spoke volumes during the times of victory and their tenacious attitude was shown through the tough losses. Despite finishing at the bottom of the South Division Standings, the Bears picked up big wins over the season, such as a 45-35 defeat of rival Copiah-Lincoln Community College. The Copiah-Lincoln Wolfpack were ranked 9th in the NJCAA poll entering the game, which made it a huge win for the Bears in front of a capacity crowd at John I. Hurst Stadium. "We knew Co-Lin had some pretty good defensive linemen. However, our linemen stuck together, played together, and communicated with each other and got on their blocks," said quarterback De'Angelo Ballard.

The Bears also accomplished a 38-14 come-from-behind win on homecoming week over East Central Community College. Trailing 14-10 at halftime, the Bears scored 28 unanswered points in the second half, and acquired their third win of the season. "That is one thing you want to see as a coach: their improvement. We teach our players to find something in themselves as a player that they can get better at. We certainly have a long way to go and there is a lot of improvement that can be done, but right now we're headed in the right direction," said head Coach Tucker Peavey.

Quarterback De'Angelo Ballard finished the season with 827 passing yards, 753 rushing yards, and 14 touchdowns overall. Runningback Chris Jones ran for 981 yards off of 161 carries, and averaged over 120 yards per game with 6 touchdowns on the season. Kicker Reed James finished the season making all 26 of his PAT attempts and also going 6 of 10 in field goal attempts, with 43 yards being his longest. For two straight months, James was named an honoree of the Fred Mitchell Award, which recognizes place-kickers for their excellence on the football field and in the community. The Bears never failed to make the students proud, win or lose.

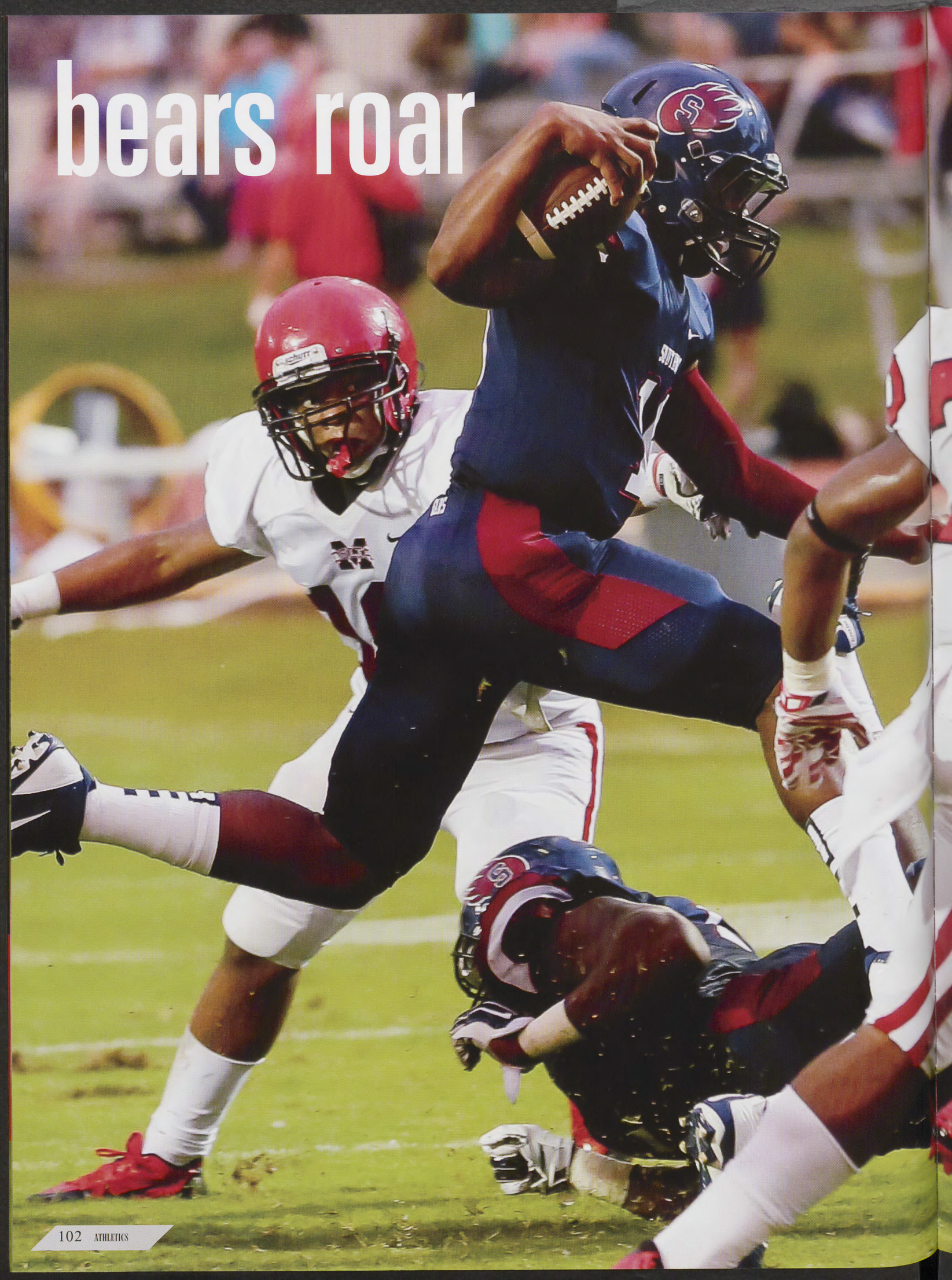
by Seth Nieman

opposite page: Quarterback De'Angelo Ballard scans the field for open receivers down field.

"I knew that in order to win that I'd have to remain focused and help my team in any way possible."

-De'Angelo Ballard

bears roar











left: Wide receiver Duby Nwaubi avoids defenders while running down field; top right: Shuntez Smith rushes in for a touchdown following his big catch; middle right: Kelvin Williams catches a pass on offense; bottom right: Jonathan McNair gains extra yards after receiving a pass.

bears play like champions







top left: Kameron Williams and Ladarrius Slocum celebrate the bears' victory; top right: Tyler Shell searches for a target to throw to for a score; opposite page: Chris Jones hurdles defenders while rushing the ball in pursuit of the end zone; above: Reed James lines up to kick a field goal for the Bears.

SCOREBOARD

L East MS 52-14	MS Delta no contest
L Jones 31-29	W Co-Lin 45-35
L Pearl River 34-7	L Gulf Coast 28-0
W Coahoma 52-10	W East Central 38-14
L Hinds 31-30	


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bear power



opposite page: Cortney Epting fights for two points against her opponent; above: Trent Jeffries focuses on the board while shooting a jump shot.

men focus on winning
driving to score

The Bears' basketball team filled the season with a ton of excitement this year! At the Bears' "Midnight Madness," C.J. Polite completed a 360-degree-turn, between-the-legs-dunk that filled the gym with exhilaration. This was the official kick-off of the season! The dunk was caught on film and the video immediately went viral on the internet, provoking the Bears' competition to up their game. This year, the Bears' Head Coach was Thomas Gray. After three years of working as an assistant coach for Southwest, Thomas Gray became the head coach for the Bears. "This season, fans could expect a lot of the same brand of basketball that Southwest had brought to the court in previous years. These men were very energetic and played hard to win," said Gray.

The Bears picked up their first win of the season against Northwest Mississippi Community College with an overall score of 84-76. The team also beat Hinds Community College, 57-46, later on in the season. Overall, Thomas Gray said that he felt good about each of the players on his team, but he said a lack of depth was probably what was hurting the team. Win or lose, spectators were always guaranteed to see their Bears playing at the best of their ability all season long.

by Seth Nieman

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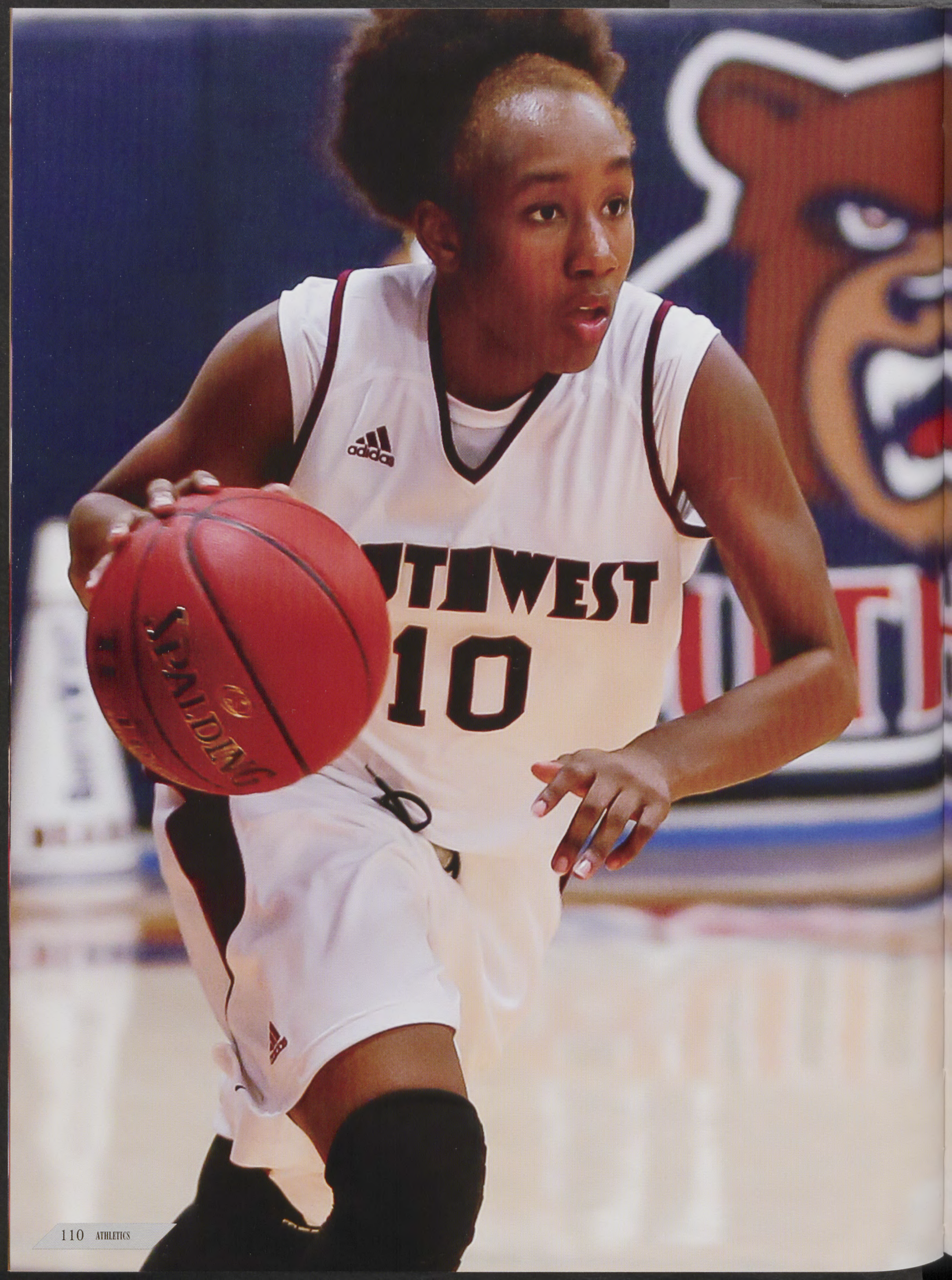
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above: Chris McIntosh, Jeremy Reddy, LeDerrius Simmons, Jaylen Moore, Lafayette Rutledge, Trent Jeffries, Derrick Thompkins Andrew Crow; second row: Andy Farrell, Michael DuBose, David Burrell, Justin McCray, Xavion Dillon, Monte Martin, CJ Polite, Clifford Fernandez, Thomas Gray, head coach; top: Jaylen Moore drives to the goal; opposite page: David Burrell fights his way down the court against the Holmes' defender.


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SPALDING

determination leads to goals

fighting for points



This year, Lady Bears Head Coach Brent Harris said that he hoped to continue in the team's superb play from last year's performance. "We have some young ladies who are very skilled, offensively and defensively," said Harris. The Lady Bears opened the season by participating in the Northeast Mississippi Community College as they began their mission to finish at the top of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) South Division. "Even though we had a lot of success last year, that won't get us anything this year. So it's going to be very competitive," said Harris.

Early in the season, the Lady Bears picked up wins over Mississippi Delta, 77-53, LSU-Eunice, 89-64, and Hinds, 75-54. Harris said that he liked the team's balance. "We're not just all freshmen; we have sophomores at each spot. I think that'll help us early on in the season. I think offensively we have some skill," he said. The Lady Bears showed students and fans that their hard work paid off as a team playing together with one common goal. As sophomore guard, Talisa Sherman, said, " When we are on the court, we aren't just individuals. We are a team who plays as a team, and it shows on the court."

by Seth Nieman



above: Ariel Fortenberry, Ke'Asia Gray, Aaliyah Williams, Talisa Sherman, Eyonna Wolfe, Cortney Epting, Teshia Jones, Tatyana Turner, Dentasia Thomas; second row: Brent Harris, Head Basketball Coach; Jabria Durrell, Gabriella Cortez, Danielle Washington, Erica Newsome, Madison Mault, Lillie Snowden, LaTasha Rhodes, Britta Stephens, Assistant Basketball Coach

opposite page: Talisa Sherman drives for the goal for the winning shot against Holmes; top left: Aaliyah Williams fights off her opponent to score.

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>
> *-Talisa Sherman*

SCOREBOARD

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79-70	
MS Delta	W
77-53	
LSU Eunice	W
88-64	
Baton Rouge	W
56-44	
Springhill	W
95-45	
Pearl River	W
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Holmes	W
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cheer team creates spirit

cheering for the bears

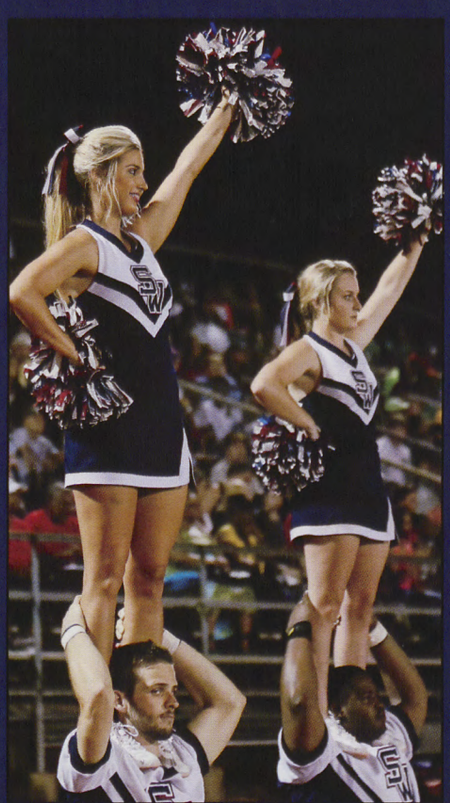
Cheer team consisted of very unique and talented individuals. The sponsor of the cheer team was Dawn Brumfield. The team contained seven guys and ten girls. There were also three captains: Ervin Jackson, Jalea Robinson, and Lauren Norton. The cheerleaders started their season by attending the UCA camp at the University of Alabama. The camp was three days filled with stunting, cheering, and coaching. The team brought home three trophies in fight song, cheer, and game day situations. Also, the cheerleaders attended a small camp at Gym of Dreams in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

After camp, the cheerleaders practiced to prefect themselves for the upcoming events in August. The team not only cheered, but also built pyramids, baskets, group stunts, and co-ed stunts. When the fall semester started they continued practicing on every Monday and Tuesday after lunch. The cheerleaders have performed and participated at many events including: camp sunshine, the tailgating party, pep rallies, and at football and basketball games. They also participate in the ringing of the bell for the Salvation Army and cheering on the men and women's basketball teams.

by Ashanna Huff

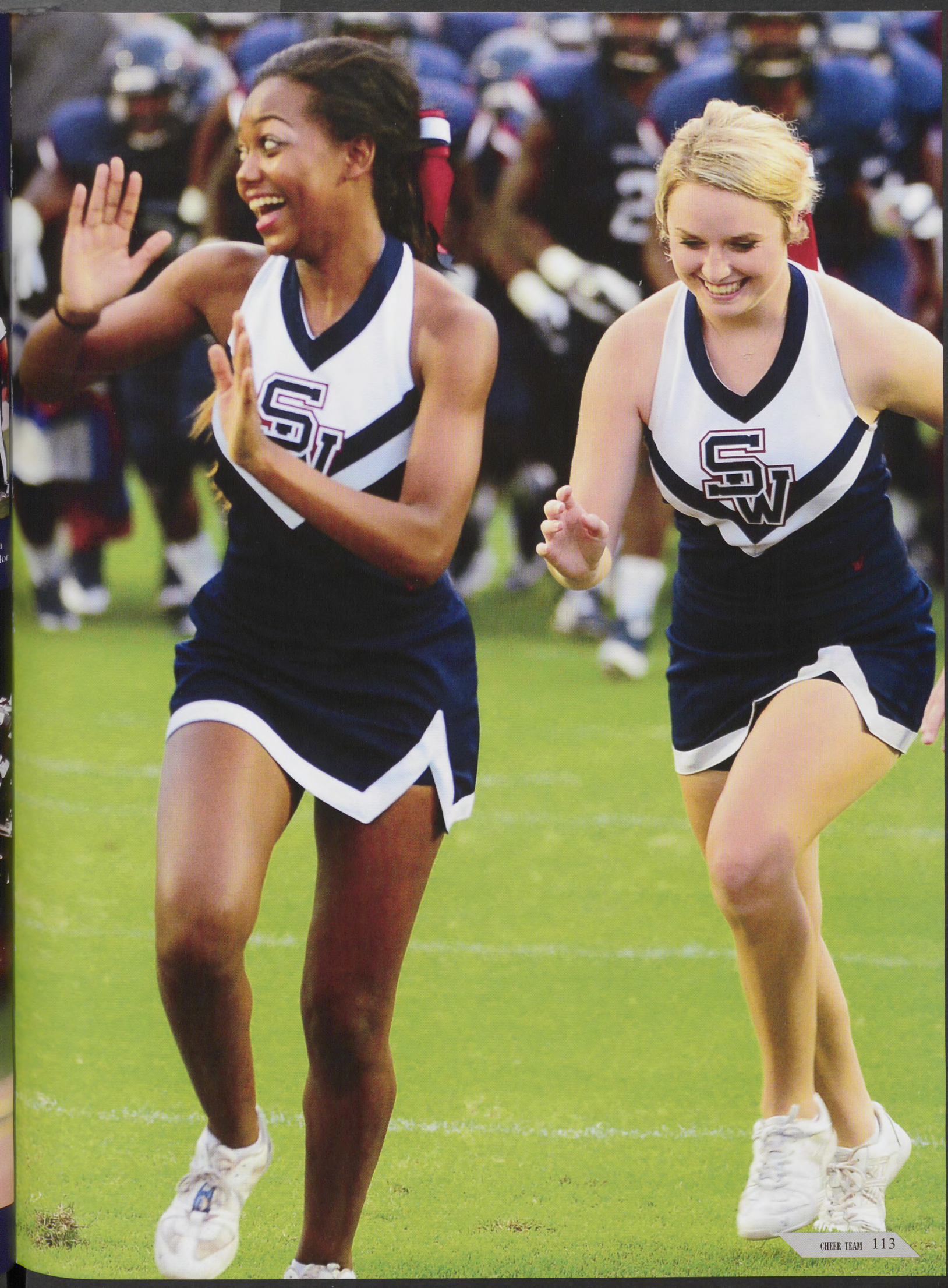


above: Taylor Slocum, Aliyah Durr, Reagan Costilow, Jalea Robinson, Shannon Johnson, Captain Lauren Norton, Calli Toney, Ali Robinson; second row: Dakota Delozier, Trent Coon, Ervin Jackson, Brady Lea, Brody East, Derek Magee, Taylor Rutland





above: Taylor Slocum and Ali Robinson do cheers with the help of Brody East and Ervin Jackson; right: Sarah Lea does a stunt during the game; opposite page: Aliyah Durr and Ali Robinson run onto the field with the football players.



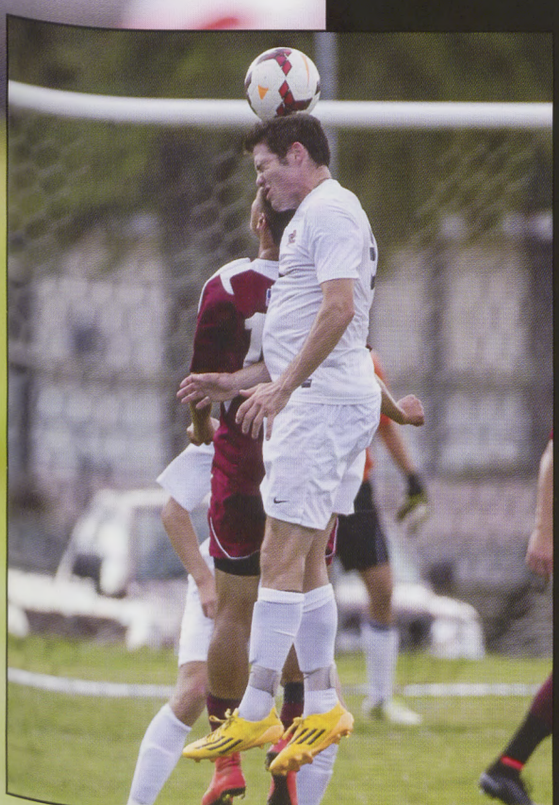

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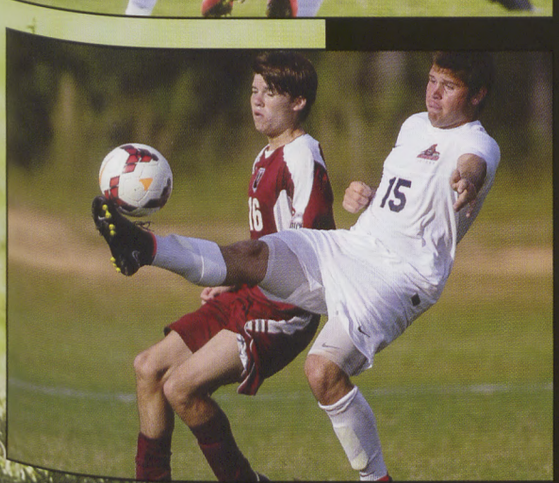
bears strike to win cleats to score

The men's soccer team played hard behind head coach Drew Gallant this season. The Bears started the season on a 6-game losing streak, but they never showed signs of despair. They finished 4-11-2 on the season, and three of those wins came out of their last five games of the season, a strong finish indeed. The Bears' 3-1 win over Jones County Community College this season was the first victory over Jones County in the history of the Bears' soccer program. They also defeated rival Copiah-Lincoln Community College twice during the season; 3-2 in the first match, and 5-0 in the second match. The Bears picked up their 4th and final win of the season over Pearl River Community College, 1-0.

In the Bears' win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Pearl River Community College towards the end of the season, goalkeeper Bryant Boyington saved thirteen shots on goal overall, which earned him the award of MACJC Goalkeeper of the Week for his performance. Forwards Denver Bankston and Brenden Nicholson were selected to play in this season's MACJC men's All-Star soccer match at the end of the season.

by Seth Nieman



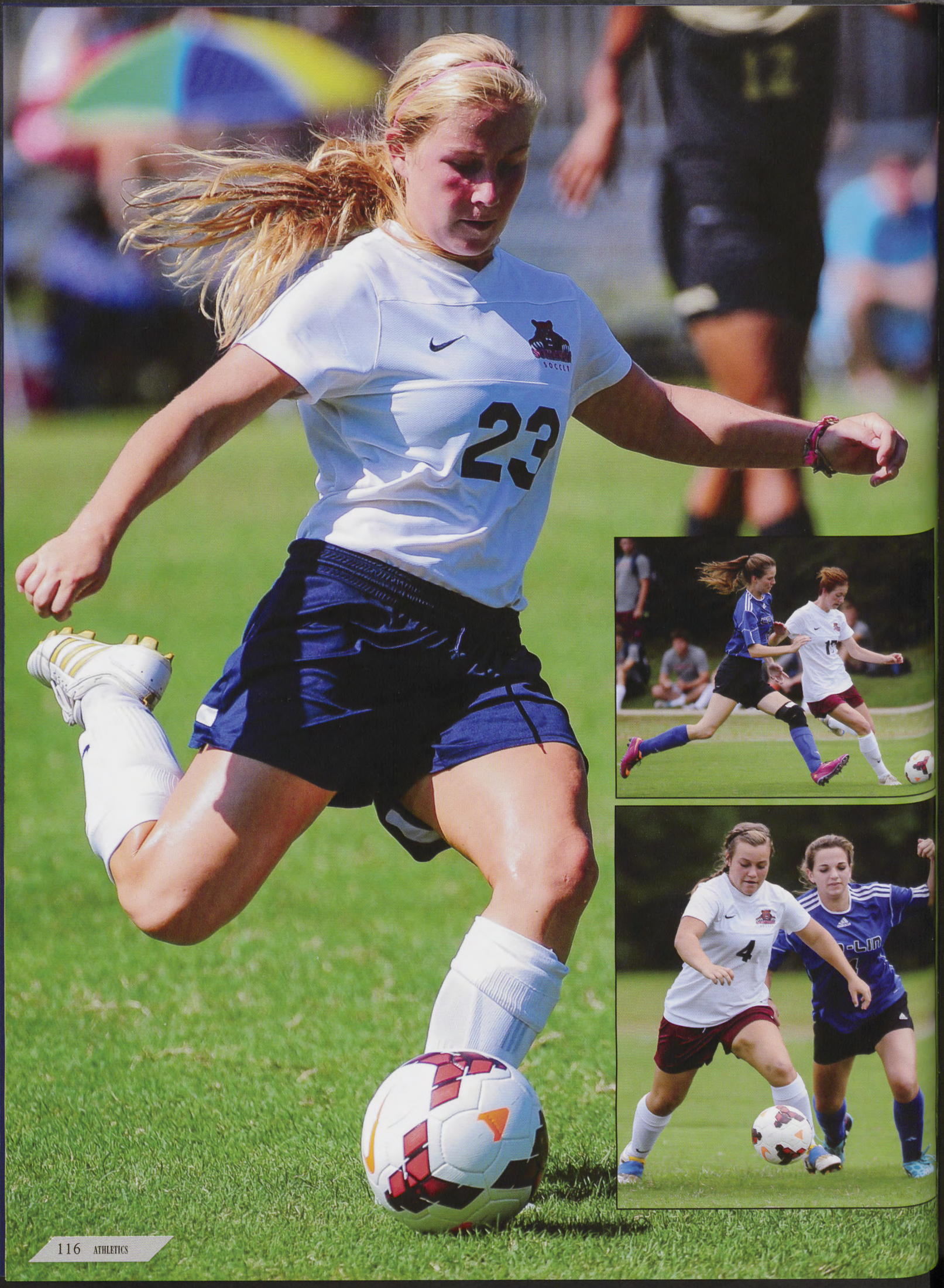




above: Will Parish, Austin Usry, Brenden Nicholson, Johnathon Johnson, Krawford Boyd, Parker Myrick, Ignacio Cruz, Clifford Zayzay, Kylan Beach, DeAnthony Williams; second row: Head Coach Drew Gallant, Saul Lopez, Vadim Drake, Drew Gardache, Eric Woodard, Anthony Cucurullo, Bryant Boyington, Drew McInnis, Conner Harvard, Casey Coleman, Denver Banskton, Irving Aitken, Assistant Coach Zach Mills; not pictured: Tyler Vanderslice



opposite page: Determined to score a goal, Eric Woodard looks upfield; top left: Denver Bankston puts his head to use with a header attempt; above: Bryant Boyington moves quickly to stop a goal; left: Will Parish strikes the ball for a long pass.


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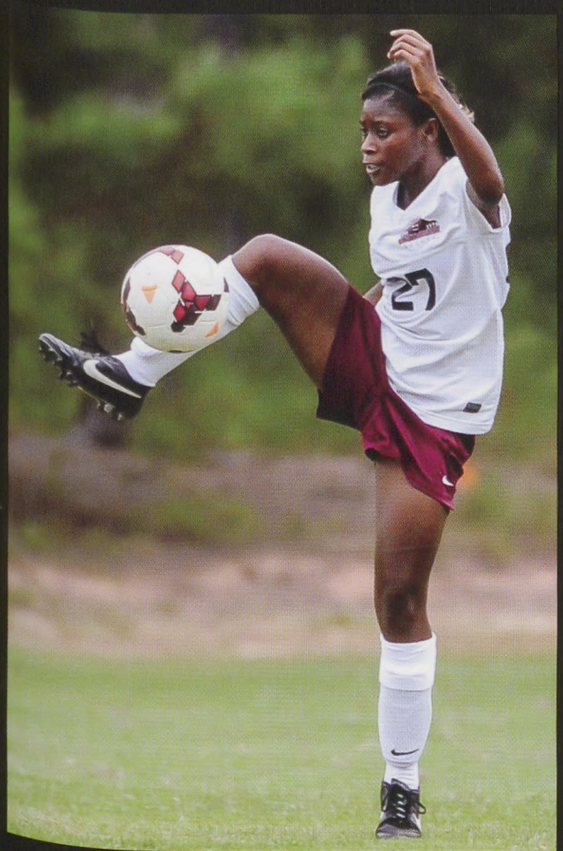
lady bears celebrate victories

passing power

Bears women's soccer team finished the season 3-13-1. The team defeated Itawamba Community College 2-0 for their first win of the season. They then beat Copiah-Lincoln Community College twice, 2-1 in both matches. "College soccer is much different than it is in high school; the intensity is a lot higher and the speed of play is much more intense. With all of the talented players we have on the women's team, it's really exciting to come see them play," said head coach Drew Gallant. Students came out every game in support of the Bears and showed their immense support. Bears always played hard, eagerly wanting to please their fans.

Goalkeeper, Hayley Allen, and forward, Nicole Daigle, were selected to play in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Women's All-Star soccer match that took place at the end of the season. Nicole Daigle was also selected for the MACJC's all-state soccer team. The two Bears put on an all-star performance all season long and proudly represented Southwest with their exceptional talent.

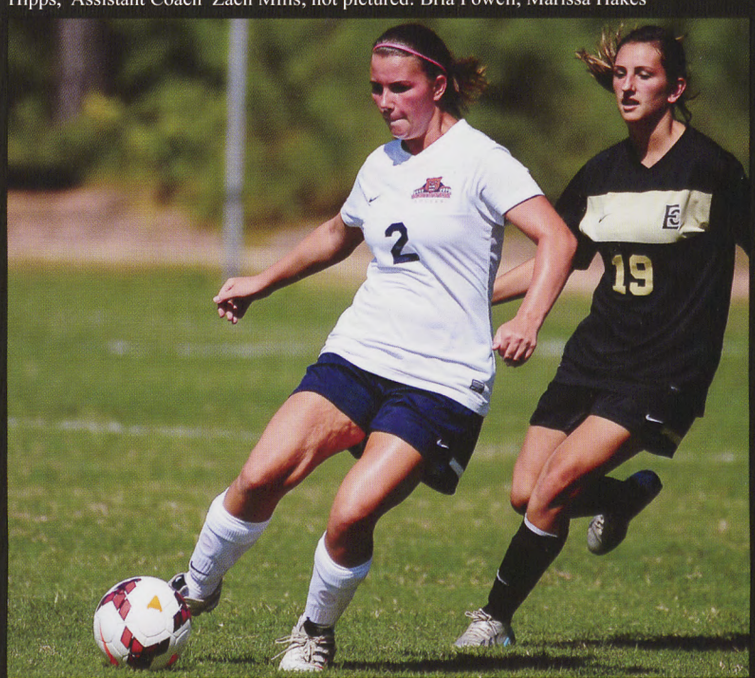
by Seth Nieman and Savannah Newton







above: Danaraye Parks, Devin Cassett, Conswala Gavin, Darien Smith, Aqura Wilson, Morgan Foster, Lexi Baker; second row: Head Coach Drew Gallant, Jada Robinson, Jessica Malloy, Sidney Hill, Hayley Allen, Nicole Daigle, Gracey Freeman, Brittaney Hipps, Assistant Coach Zach Mills; not pictured: Bria Powell, Marissa Hakes



opposite page: Darien Smith winds back to kick the ball toward the goal; opposite page, top left: Marissa Hakes tries keeps the ball away from her opponent; top left: Conswala Gavin strikes the ball downfield; above: Lexi Baker controls the ball while looking to pass; left: Hayley Allen boots the ball far away from the goal; opposite page: Danaraye Parks moves past a defender with the ball.


Southwest

bears play with intensity

pitching to win

It was a new beginning for the Southwest Bears as they entered the season with a new head coach, Ken Jackson. "All you can do is ask them to go out and play as hard as they can and, hopefully, everything will work out," Jackson said. Sophomore pitchers Brady Badon and Cliff Hurst entered the season as the top two pitchers in rotation. "Every time you face someone, you've got to realize that they're playing college ball as well," Hurst said, "They're there for a reason, so you've got to bring your 'A game' and give a hundred percent." Badon had high ex-pectations for the Bears this season with goals of winning the state championship. Sophomore catcher, Trent Gordy, felt confident about the pitchers he took to the field this season. "It's kind of nice to know how your pitchers act and how you control the speed of the game," Gordy said.

All of the players commended the new coaching staff and felt that it changed the team's work effort this season. "The coaching staff helps us discover our innate talents and apply those talents productively to achieve performance outcomes," Hurst said. The Bears baseball team opened the season on the road against Louisiana College Junior Varsity, and made sure to give students and fans their best performance every single game.

by Seth Nieman





above: Steven Williams, Caleb Crumpler, Brady Badon, Bryce Laird, Sam Richard, Reed James, L.D. Coney, Jade Whitten, Ross Buckley, Cliff Hurst; second row: Jacob Buchanan, Jarvis Warner, Zane Frazier, Dylan Spiers, Cole Guyton, Brady Anderson, Brady Wilson, Walt Aldridge, Trey Wynn, Trent Gordy, Jesse Pittman; third row: Charlie Waddingham, Kaleb Clarke, Reed Thames, Conner Burns, Tanner Whittington, Jordan McCaffrey, Ryan Sticker, Duncan Cornfoot





left: Steven Williams lays down the perfect bunt to third; opposite page: Cliff Hurst winds up to pitch to his opponent; above: Reed James tags the runner for an out; top left: Trent Gordy waits on the signal from the bench for the next pitch.



players play with heart

fighting to the top

With head coach Patsy Sandifer entering her ninth year as head coach of the softball team, this year's team was surely filled with great expectations. "We have come so far from nine years ago," Sandifer said. "We want to be a competitive program, one that makes it to playoffs. That is our ultimate goal." The Lady Bears pitching rotation relied on sophomores Keely Fortenberry, Leann Jackson, and Maddy Teague to take control of the mound throughout the season. The Lady Bears also had multiple freshmen join the team this year as they looked to strive towards success.

According to Coach Sandifer, freshman Sarah Roberts at third base, Paige Walters at first base, and also freshman Leyton Terrell have become the most consistent bats for the team. Among the Lady Bears' seven strong outfielders, there is Austin Pruitt, Jana McEwen, Shaden Miller, and Payton Lewis. "We're excited about the future and about what this group of young ladies can do," Sandifer said.

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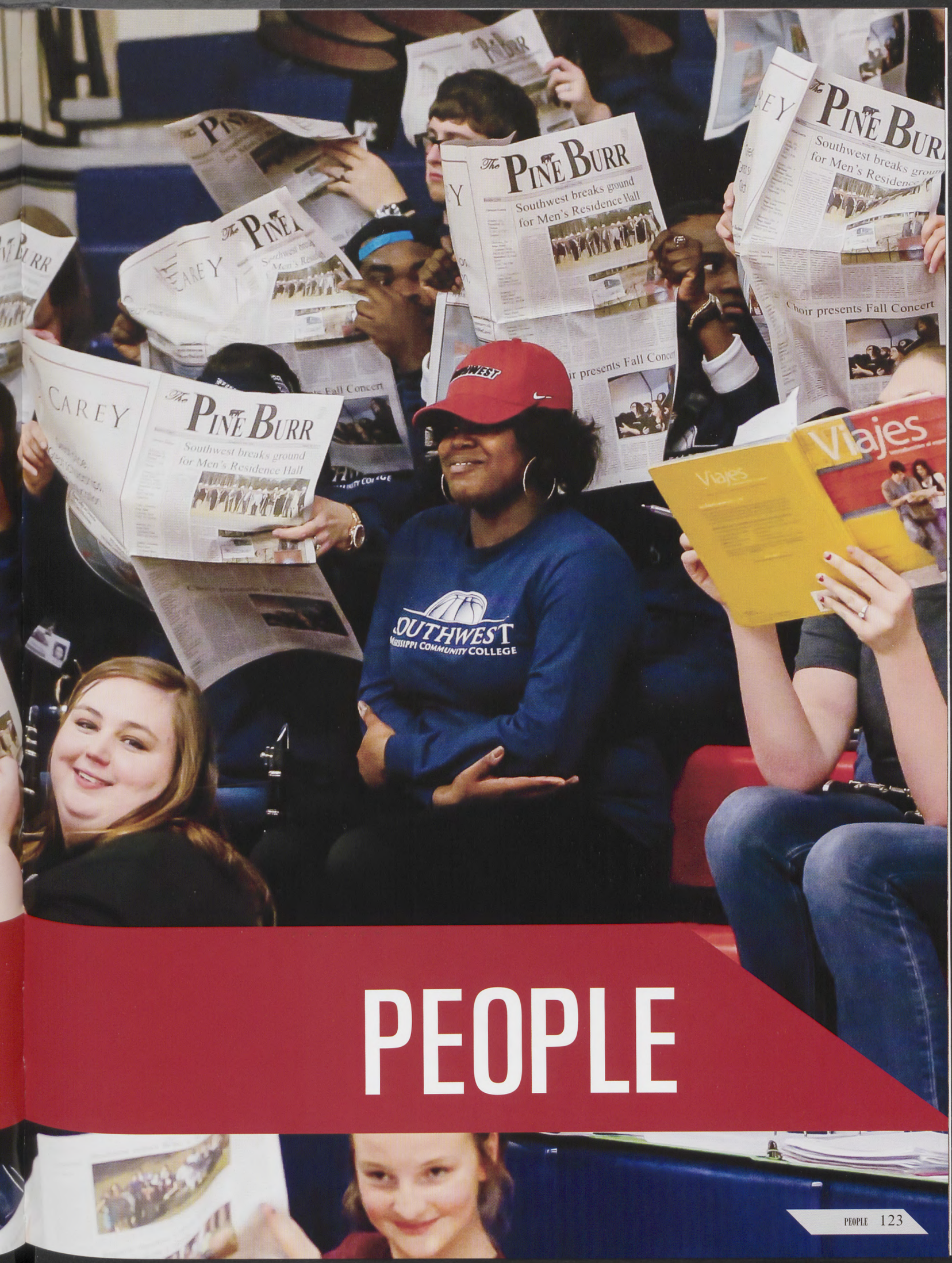


above: Brooke Chaffee, Shaden Miller, Jessica Pipkins; second row: Claire Taix, Tori Reeves, Christina Lawson, Austin Pruitt, Jana McEwen, Seana Flynn, Peyton Lewis, Leyton Terrell; back row: Coach Shea Johnson, Morgan Brown, Keely Fortenberry, Chasity Shepherd, Paige Walters, Leann Jackson, Macy Fulton, Hannah Cuevas, Maddy Teague, Ashton Dixon, Jessie Penton, Sarah Roberts, Coach Patsy Sandifer; left: Macy Fulton focuses on the batter; opposite page: Jessie Penton tags runner out at third base; top right: Morgan Brown pitches with determination to the batter; top left: Jessica Pipkins hits the ball to the center field for a base hit.



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above: Members of the band show their spirit during a basketball game by reading the *Pine Burr* and ignoring the opposing team.


The Pine Burr
Southwest breaks ground for Men's Residence Hall
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Bishop leads Southwest into the future

President Steve Bishop

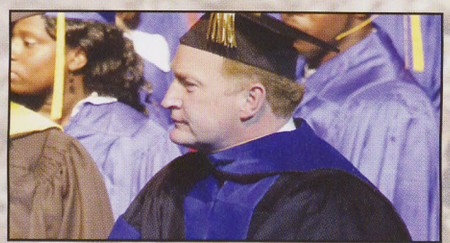
In his fourth year as SMCC President, Dr. Steve Bishop continued to lead the college toward a bright future. This was a year of exciting progress and many positive outcomes. SMCC continued to attract top-quality students from our local area as well as many other parts of Mississippi and surrounding states. With Dr. Bishop's support, Phi Theta Kappa members participated in regional, state, and international meetings. The Student Success Center continued to flourish by providing services to many more students to support academic success in the classroom.

Through the SMCC Foundation, many projects were completed including purchasing an electronic scoreboard for the football field, placing signage around campus on streets and buildings, renovating and furnishing the lobby of the women's dormitory, and purchasing a new golf cart for recruiting and transporting visitors around campus. The Bear Backer Club, the athletic fundraising arm of the SMCC Foundation, continued to be extremely successful this year as well. Infrastructure upgrades and training opportunities were a priority. Two much-anticipated projects that began this year included the major renovation of the women's dormitory and the construction of the new, two-story men's dormitory.

Plans to overlay the street between SMCC and North Pike High School were developed as well. Through a Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation grant, the gym floor in Physical Education Building was replaced. Renovations in the Physical Education Building continued toward completion of the SMCC Health and Wellness Center. To further support the culture of health and wellness, SMCC began offering a health and wellness training opportunity to its employees. In the Career-Technical and Workforce Development areas, upgrades were completed and new equipment was purchased. Athletic facilities were upgraded as well with the addition of a new fence around the baseball field and the installation of air conditioning in the football stadium restrooms. The management of timber and the beautification of the campus were also important ongoing projects in 2014-2015. Dr. Bishop continued to represent SMCC on many state and local boards. He was recently appointed by Governor Phil Bryant to serve on the State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) in addition to his continued chairmanship of the State Community College Athletic Committee. In support of our community, Dr. Bishop was appointed to Pike County Chamber of Commerce Board and continued to serve on the Pike County Airport Board. He also remained active in the McComb Rotary Club. Dr. Bishop stated, "We have the best administrators, faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees serving the greatest students in the best community. It continues to be my honor and privilege to be a part of this team as we work together to serve our students, our institution, our community, and our state."

by Sarah Bennett







above: Matthew Calhoun, Vice-President of Admissions; Bobby Nelson, Trustee; Bill Sharp, Trustee; Dr. Bill Ashley, Vice-President of Student Affairs; Chris Hollis, Trustee; Dr. Steve Bishop, SMCC President; Reggie Jones, President of Board of Trustees; Jerry Conerly, Vice-President of Board of Trustees; James Quin, Trustee; Jimmy Lowry, Trustee; Alicia Shows, Vice-President of Academic Affairs; Hollis Alford,Trustee; T.W. Bearden, Trustee; Dr. Bill Tucker, Vice-President for Physical Resources; top left: Dr. Steve Bishop speaks at Veterans' Day program; top right: Dr. Steve Bishop greets new graduates; opposite page: Dr. Steve Bishop poses with his family: Eleanor, Ruth, Melanie, Kathryn, and Arthur.



trustees break new ground

board of trustees

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In developing the men's six- million- dollar residence hall, the Board of Trustees performed a tremendous effort in providing students an appropriate environment to live and to learn. The board members represented four county districts, which included Pike, Amite, Walthall, and Wilkinson counties.

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above: Jerry Conerly, Reggie Jones, Dr. Steve Bishop; second row: Chris Hollis, James D. Quin, Scotty Whittington, Rebecca Robertson, Dr. Henry Lewis, Bill Sharp, Jimmy Lowery, Treva Reid, Bobby Nelson, T. W. Bearden, Dr. Robert Vick, Jimmie M. McKennis



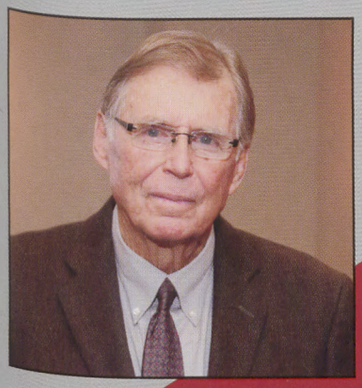
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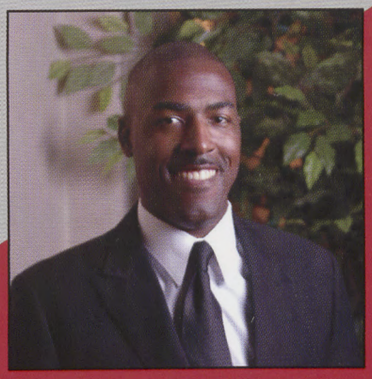
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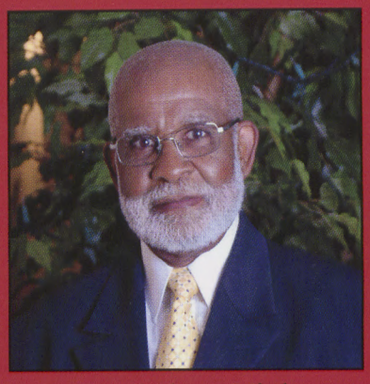
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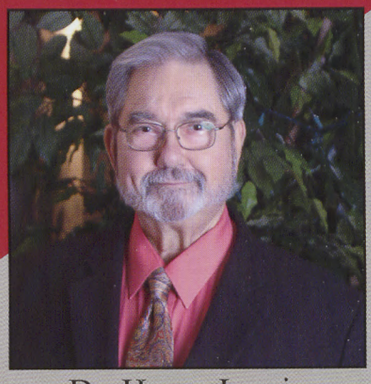
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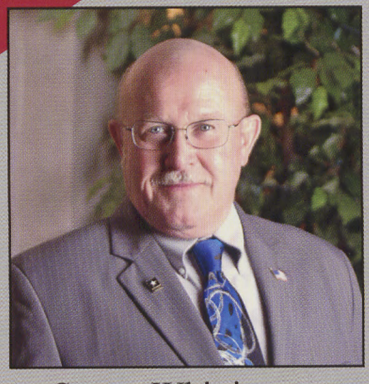
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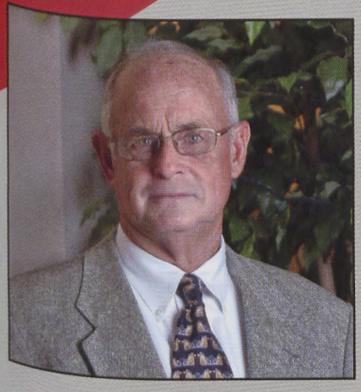
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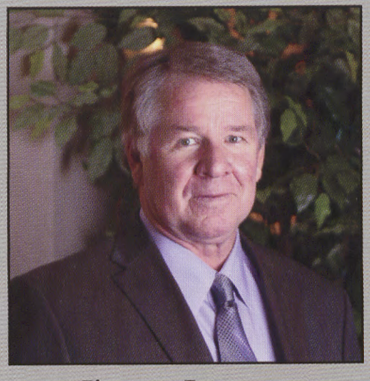
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Jimmy Lowery
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leaders lead with conviction
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Work-Based Learning Coordinator

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-Dr. Bill Tucker

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Amy Beard
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Dropout Recovery Specialist
Kevin Bennett
Diesel Equipment Technology
Cason Bickford
Defensive Football Assistant Coach
Dr. Addie Boone
Support Services Coordinator
Kelby Bowman
Defensive Football Coordinator

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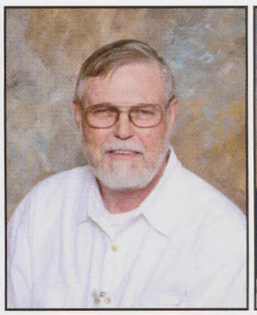
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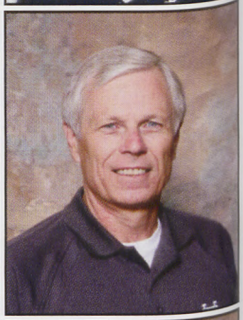



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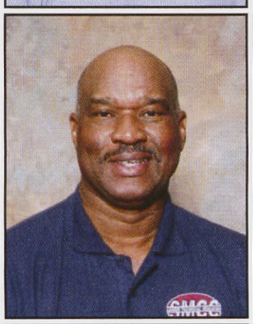






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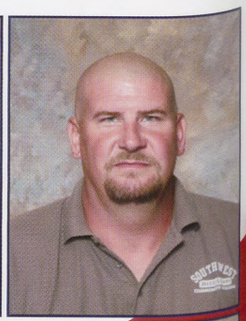
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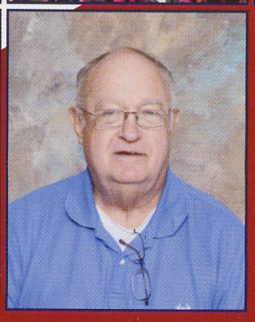






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"As an instructor at Southwest, I feel my job is to challenge and excite the students to become lifelong learners and inspire them to finish their academic goals so that they can reach their full potential."

-Dr. Jennifer D. McLaughlin
Public Speaking instructor

who's who among students at american universities and colleges

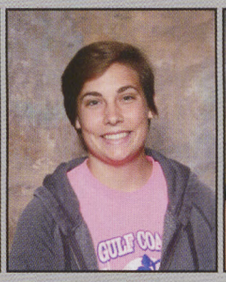


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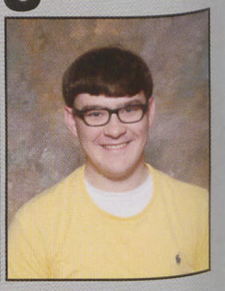

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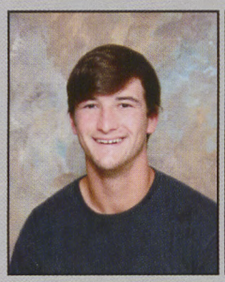

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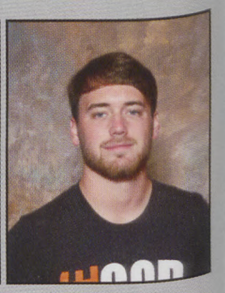

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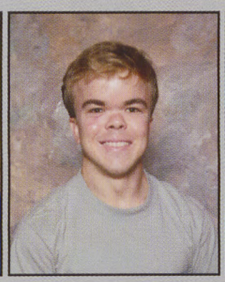

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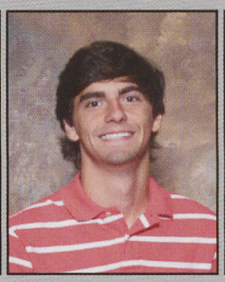

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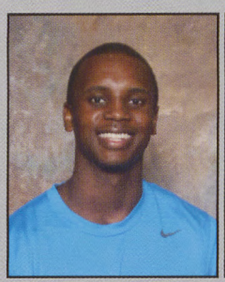

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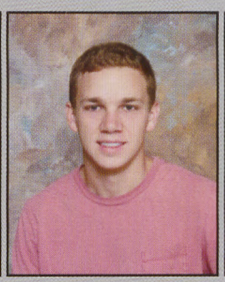

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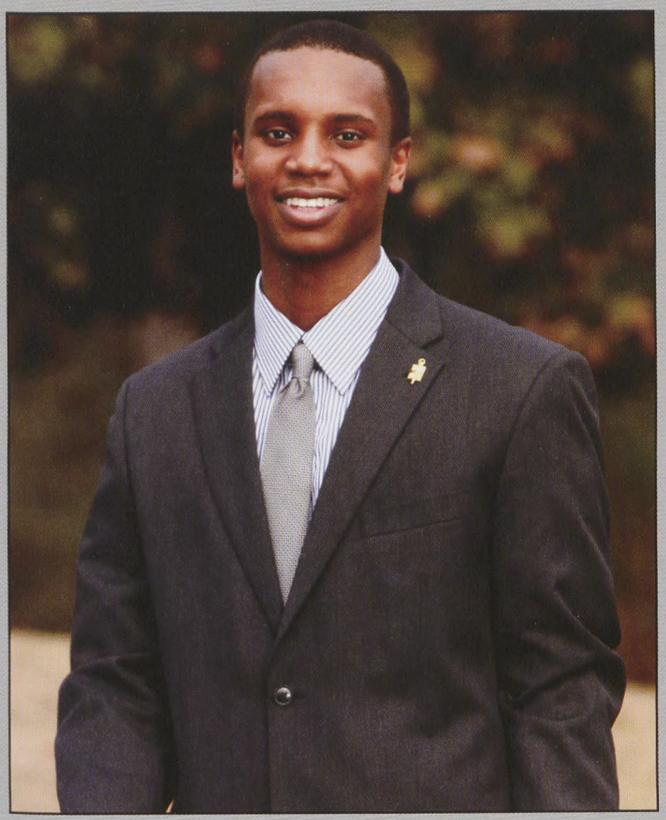

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honorees exude excellence

headwae





justin mccray and deanna martin

The Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) was a program of the Mississippi Legislature, sponsored by the state's corporate community and coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. Each year, HEADWAE honored the academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions for their outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.This year, Southwest Mississippi Community College sophomore Justin Randall McCray and instructor Deanna Jo Martin were recognized at the Higher Education Appreciation Day- Working for Academic Excellence in Jackson, Mississippi.

Justin Randall McCray of Ridgeland, Mississippi, was the son of Clintis and Shelia McCray. He was a graduate of Ridgeland High School, where he was awarded a full basketball scholarship to attend SMCC. At SMCC, Justin served as the S.G.A. Freshman President and was awarded placement on the Dean's List each semester for his academic excellence. As a sophomore, he served as the Student Government Association Head President and was selected as a member of the Hall of Fame. He was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, Bear Trackers, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the men's basketball team. Justin planned to further his education at the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry.

Deanna Jo Martin of Summit, Mississippi, has been a business and marketing instructor at SMCC for the past ten years. During that time, Martin has served as Collegiate DECA advisor as well as the Business & Marketing Management Director at SMCC. She was a graduate of Beat Four High School, where she was valedictorian of her graduating class. In 1985, Martin graduated from Jones County Junior College where she received her A.S. in Distribution & Marketing. In 1986, she graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi where she received her B.S. in Clothing Merchandising/Marketing. Martin has received many distinguished awards throughout her career. Also, Martin was an active partner in the Mississippi Professional Educators (MPE), Mississippi Association of Marketing Educators (MAME), and Mississippi Collegiate DECA. She was a lifetime member of both the SMCC Alumni Association and DECA Inc. She was married to Randy Martin and they have three children: Lauren Martin Cole, Kelsey Martin, and Madison Martin.

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college celebrates its leaders

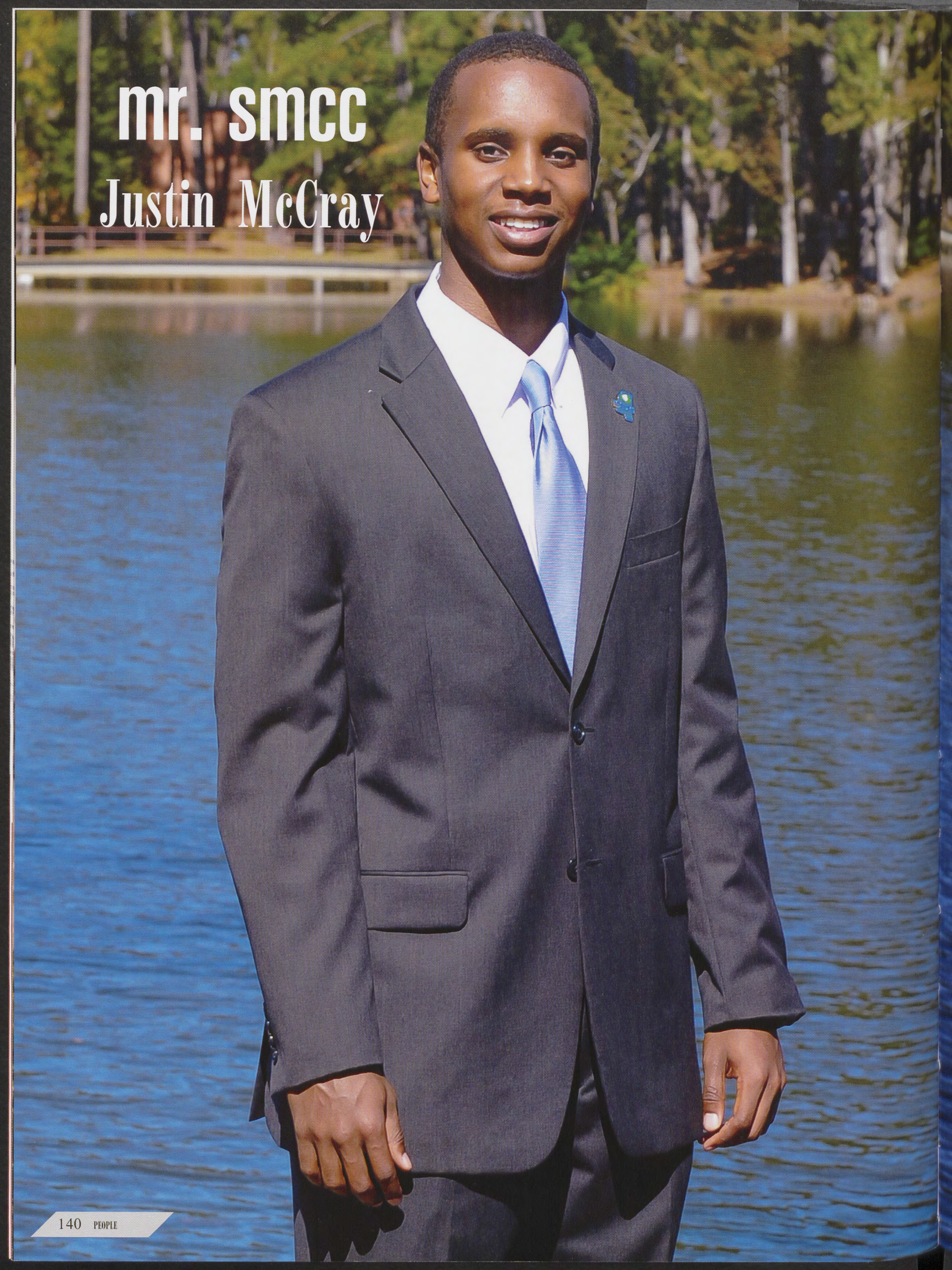
hall of fame

Justin McCray, Marisa Siebert, Courtney Bates, and Leeanna Hodges were selected as members of the Hall of Fame. Justin Randall McCray of Ridgeland, MS, was the Freshman S.G.A. President as well as the Overall Student Body President in his sophomore year. He was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, Bear Trackers, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the men's basketball team. He was also selected for the HEADWAE Outstanding Student award. Marisa Siebert of Summit, MS, was the President for both the Baptist Student Union and Bear Trackers. Also, she has served as the Student Government Association Vice-President and Band Manager. Marisa was an active member of choir, small singing group, Bear Trackers, Student Activities Committee, and the Baptist Student Union.

Courtney Bates of Summit, MS, was the President of the Tri-Beta Biological Society while at SMCC and was elected as Homecoming Queen. She is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Student Union, and Student Government Association. Courtney worked part-time at the Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center as a physical therapy technician and is a member of Centenary United Methodist Church. Leeanna Hodges of Summit, MS, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Tri Beta, Quiz Bowl, and Bear Trackers. At SMCC, Leeanna has served as President of the Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Delta Chapter, Treasurer of the Bear Trackers and Secretary of the Student Government Association. She was a member of the Mississippi All-American Team and Friendship Baptist Church.

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left: Justin McCray speaks at a groundbreaking ceremony; far left: Courtney Bates takes flowers as her father, Lewis Bates, watches; opposite page: Justin McCray, Marisa Siebert, Courtney Bates, and Leeanna Hodges pose for a picture; left top: Marisa Siebert sings during the stage band show; far left top: Leeanna Hodges smiles during the Homecoming ceremony.



mr. smcc

Justin McCray

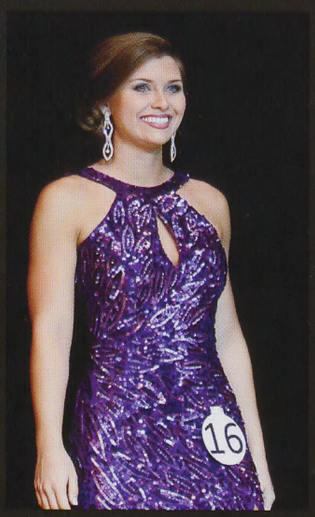


miss smcc

Marisa Siebert

lacee quiroz reigns with poise

parade of beauties





At the 2014 Parade of Beauties, students, faculty, and guests gathered within the Hurst auditorium to watch nineteen beautiful women compete for the title of SMCC's "Most Beautiful." The event began at six-thirty that evening with a rousing performance of Iggy Azalea's "Fancy" that featured Reagan Costilow, 2013's "Most Beautiful," and the stage band's vocalists. Justin Lofton, Freshman Student Body President, welcomed everyone to the event and introduced Mrs. Ashley Gray, Director of Student Activities and Housing, as the evening's dazzling host. Next, Mrs. Gray announced the panel of judges that would be mediating the event. The judges that attended the event were Megan Holiday, Lisa Shoemaker, and Ashley Thompson. After the judges were introduced, the individual modeling began. Each contestant made her way onto the stage and modeled her evening gown for the judges to see. Of these nineteen contestants, only ten women were chosen to enter into the next round. As the judges deliberated on whom to eliminate from the competition, the stage band's vocalists returned to the stage to perform their own rendition of MKTO's number one hit, "Classic."

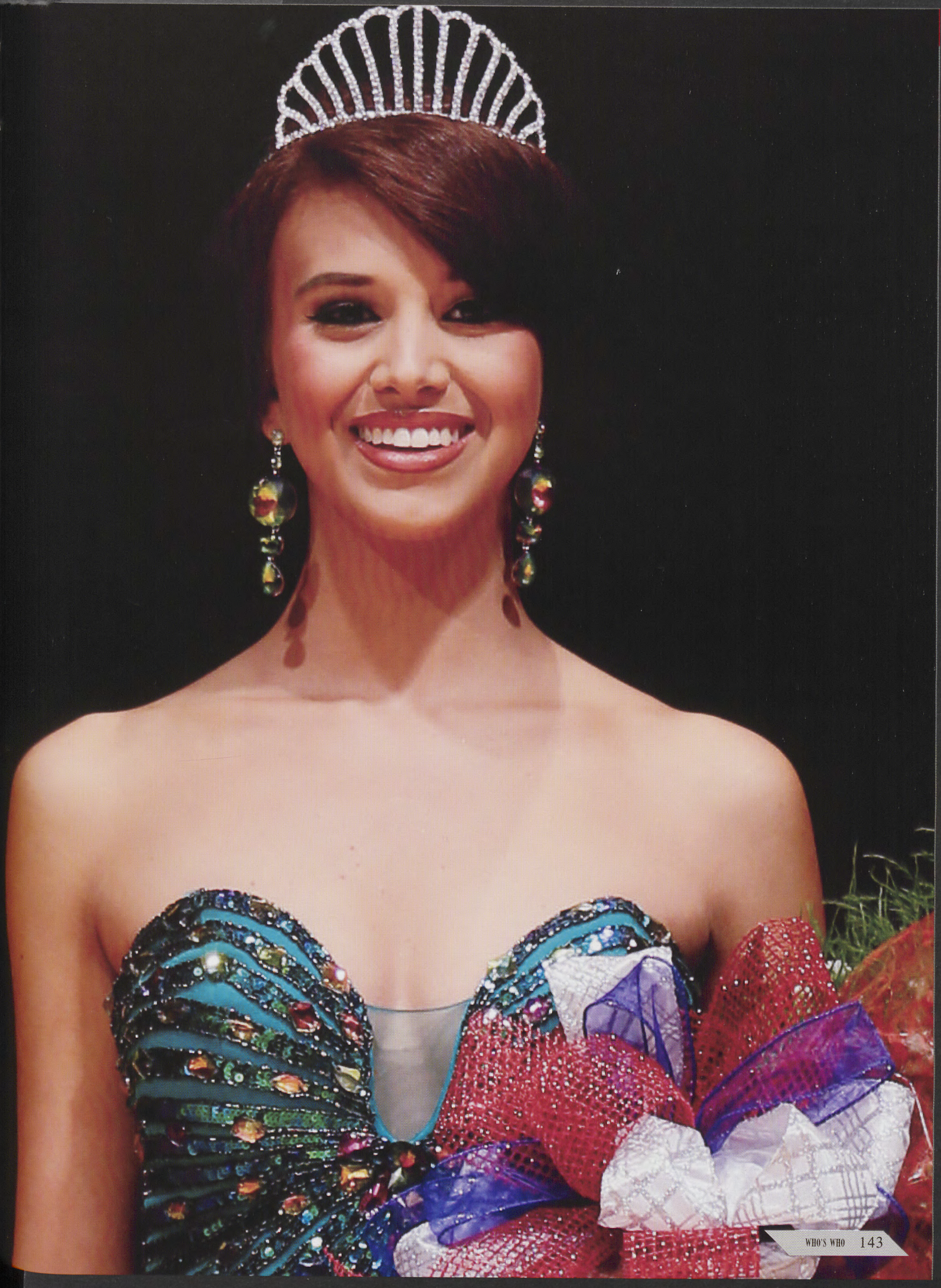
At intermission, Darius Jones, Johnathon Traigle, and Trey Wynn gave a tender performance of John Mayer's "I Don't Trust Myself." Once the final scores had been tallied, the top ten contestants were then asked to join Mrs. Gray on stage. The top ten contestants were Calli Toney, Courtney Bates, Haylie Allen, Ashlyn Knight, Bailey Brewer, Kaley Ford, Lauren Norton, Harley Menard, Sarah Lea, and Lacee Quiroz. The top ten contestants were then asked to model their evening gowns once more before the judges. As soon as the contestants had returned backstage, Mrs. Gray and Sophomore Student Body President, Justin McCray, announced SMCC's Who's Who of 2014. Each member was awarded a certificate stating his or her presented title and was asked to exit the stage. At last, the top five contestants were announced. The overall top five campus beauties were Calli Toney, Courtney Bates, Harley Menard, Kaley Ford, and Sarah Lea. As the winning representative of last year's beauty pageant, Reagan Costilow awarded each contestant with a bouquet of flowers, assisted by Dr. Stephen Bishop. Last, but certainly not least, the contestant selected as "Most Beautiful" was Lacee Quiroz. The evening began as a night full of anticipation and suspense; however, as the event came to a close, the evening became a joyous event in which all participants were praised for their gallant efforts shown on stage. Though only one contestant was chosen to come out on top, every contestant that stepped out on stage was absolutely stunning.

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top left: Courtney Bates models her evening gown across the stage; top right: Kaley Ford wins the judges' hearts with a kind smile; middle: Calli Toney relishes in being on stage in the spotlight; opposite page: Lacee Quuioz dominates the Parade of Beauties as "Most Beautiful"; left: The top ten beauties pose for a photo: Haylie Allen, Bailey Brewer, Sarah Lea, Kaley Ford, Harley Menard, Lacee Quiroz, Courtney Bates, Calli Toney, Lauren Norton, and Ashlyn Knight.



campus favorites



Allen Lampton



Samantha Clark

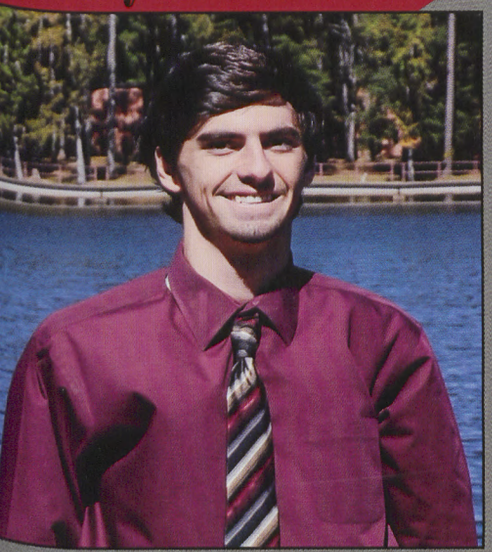
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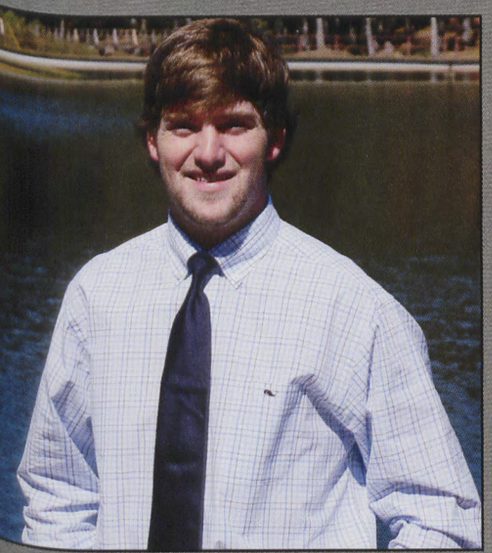
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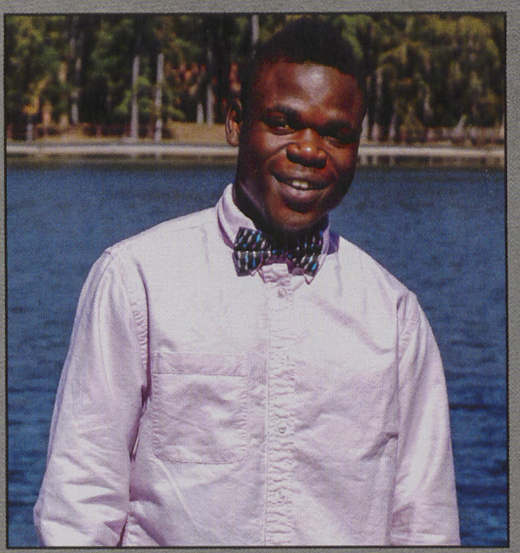
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freshman favorites



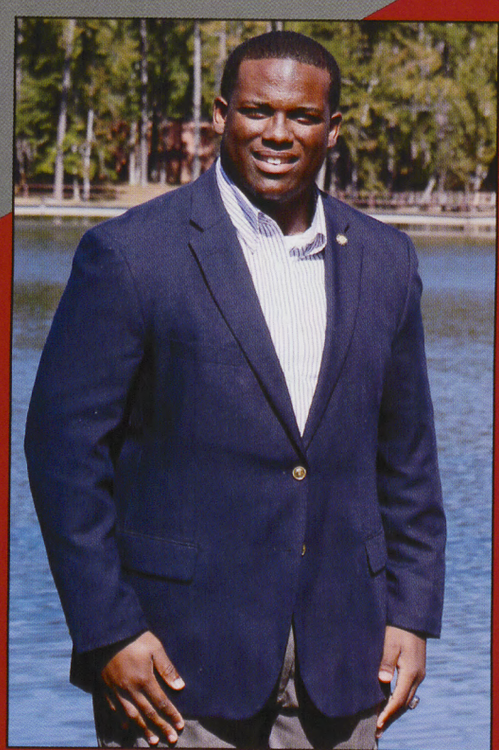
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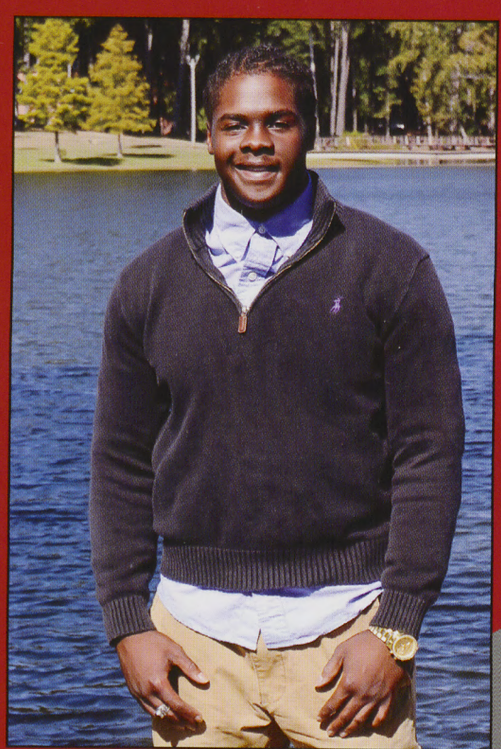
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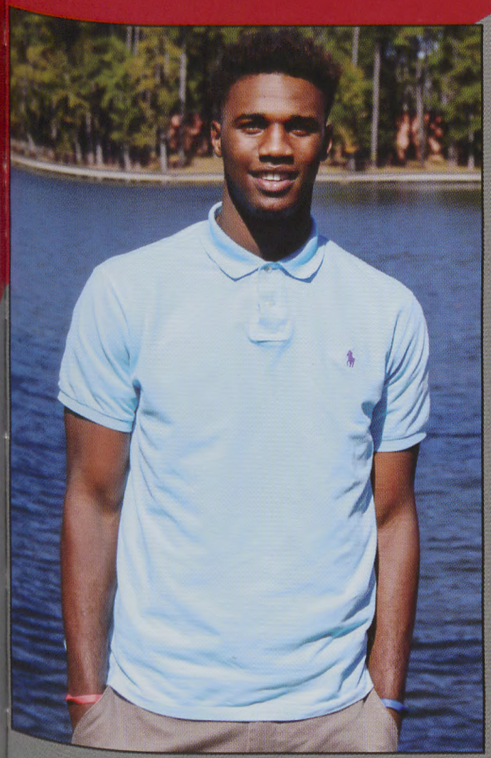
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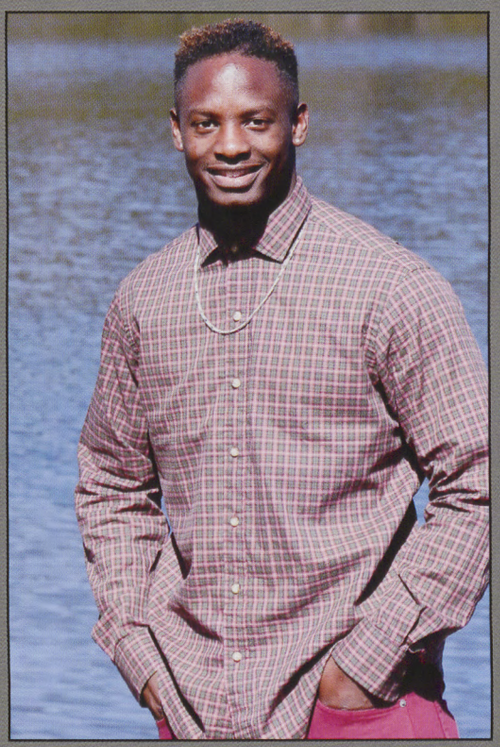
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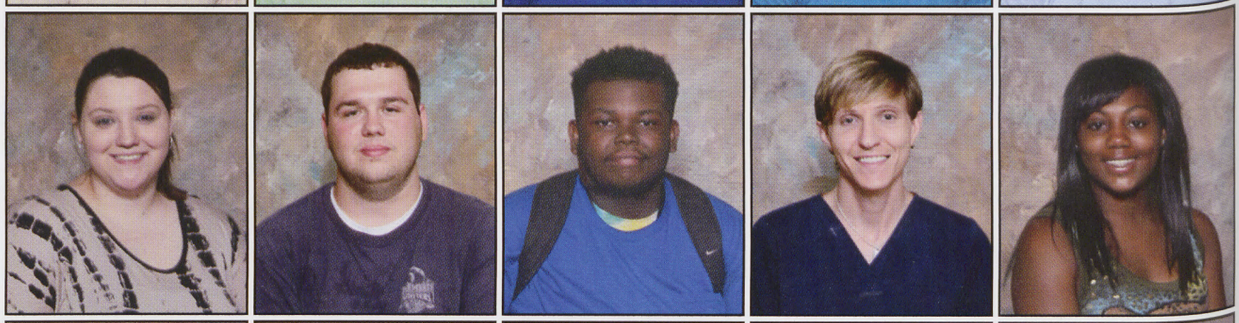
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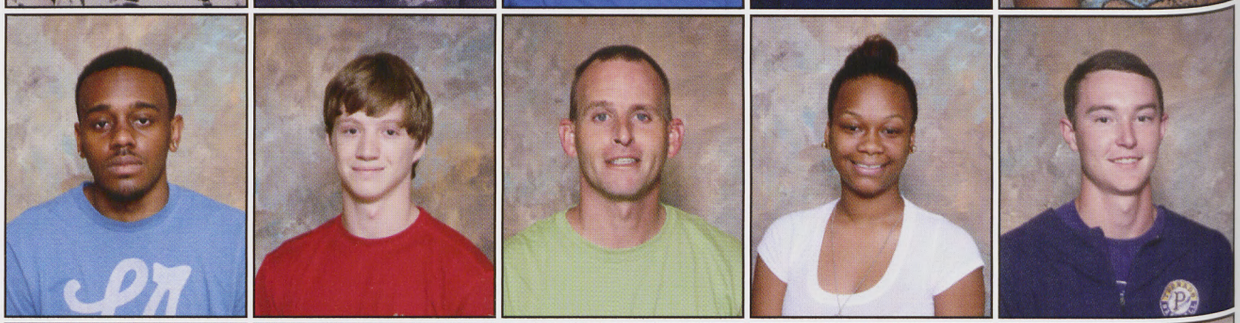
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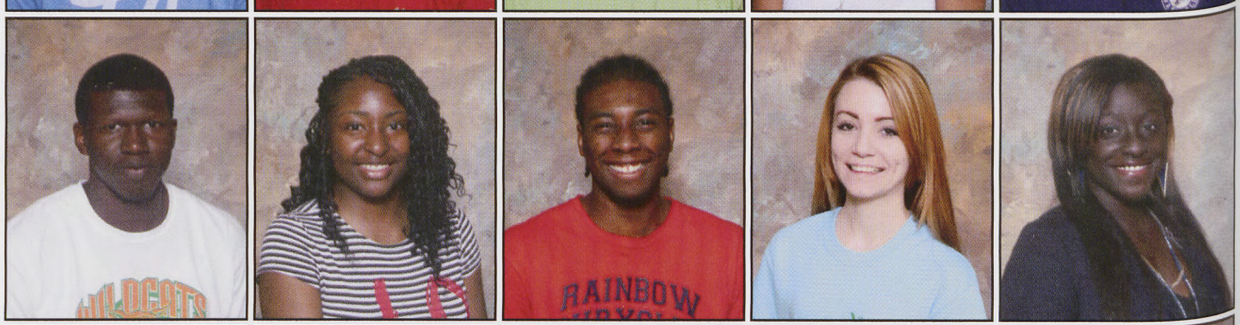
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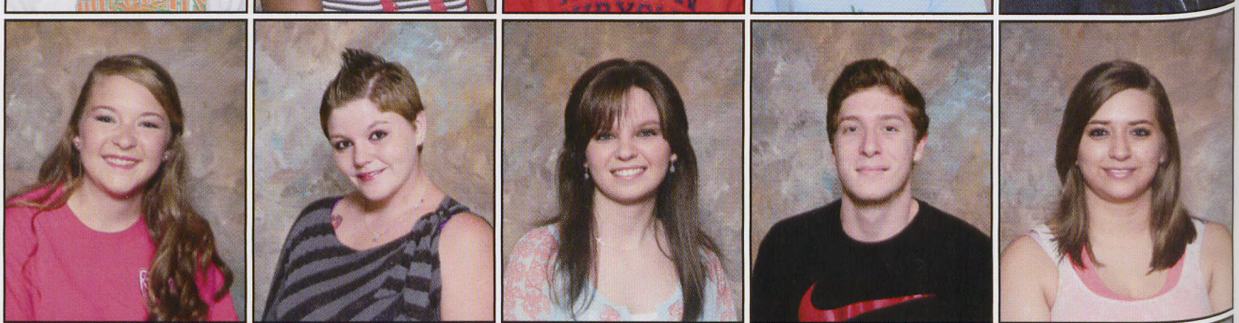
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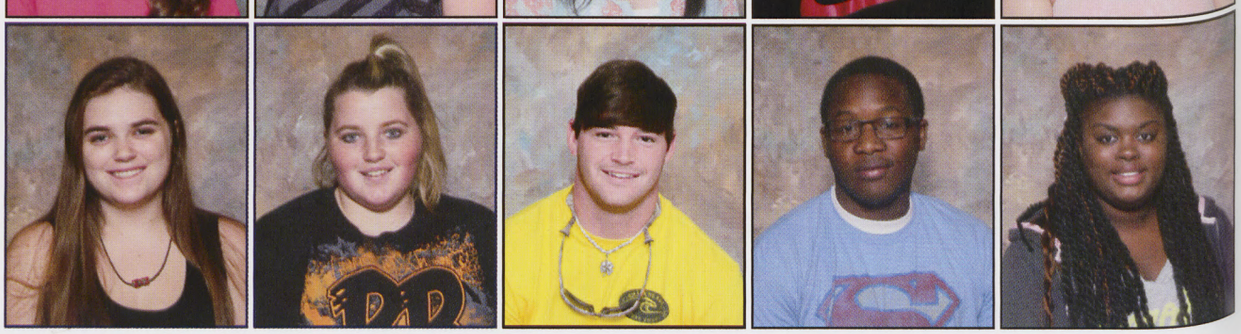
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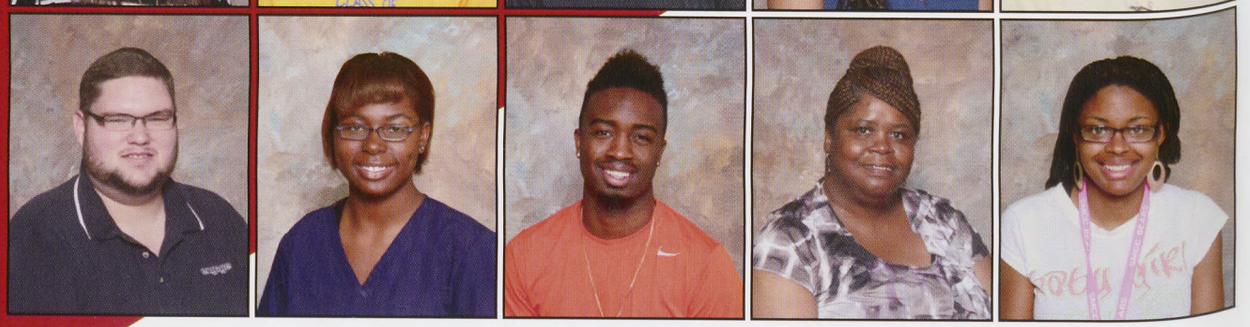
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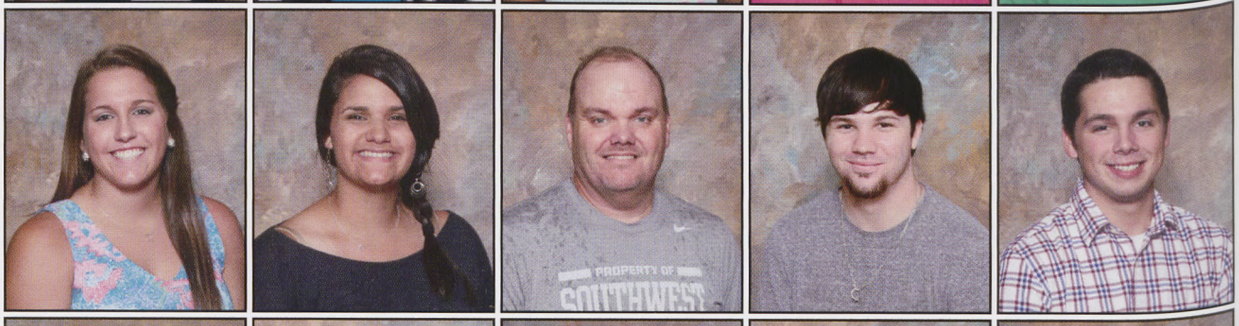
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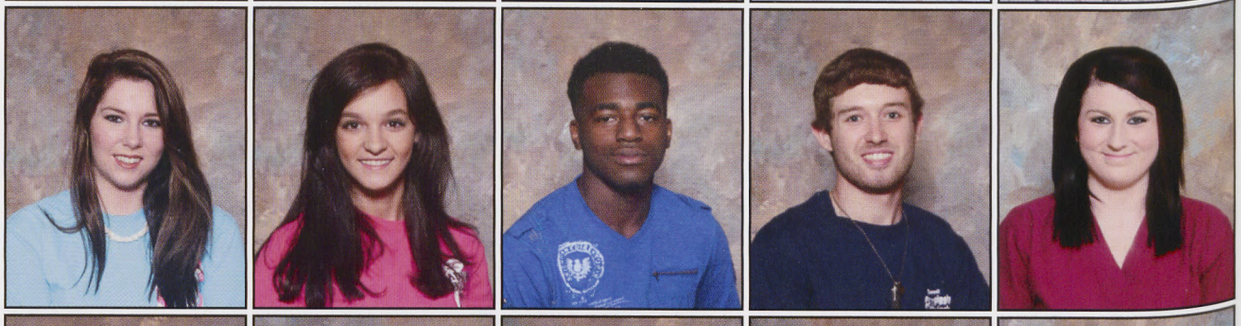
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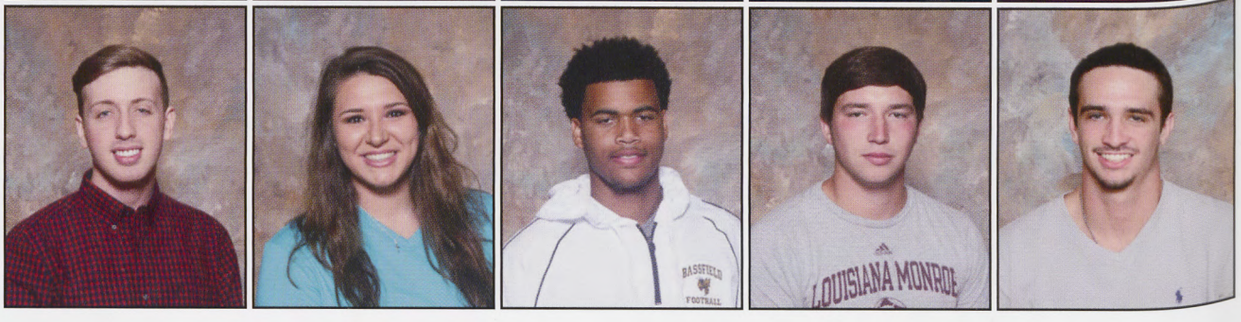
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nursing student achieves goals

kathryn fegan

Kathryn Fegan of Magnolia, Mississippi, was a walking inspiration to many students on campus as well as an inspiration to her family at home. Daughter of Leroy J. McKenzie and Lydia Jones McKenzie, Kathryn came to Southwest Mississippi Community College a second time eager to earn her Associate Degree in Nursing. As a mother of three daughters, Kathryn chose to return to Southwest in hopes of bettering herself, proving to her friends and family that you can never be too old to go back to school. "I always wanted to be a nurse, but I was scared of the course work, especially of the mathematics and science classes. Now, I figured the worst thing that could happen is that I don't make it. As long as I learned something, it wasn't really a failure," Kathryn said. Kathryn stressed that the Associate Degree of Nursing program at Southwest was the best. The instructors were always willing to help, and she was so happy that she chose Southwest. She grew up in Tylertown, Mississippi, and then went on, at the age of eighteen, to the University of Mississippi. She went to USM until she married at the age of twenty-one to Bordon E. Fegan, a native of Tylertown, Mississippi.

After living in Mississippi for nearly seven years, they moved to Oregon. There, Kathryn worked in various social work positions, serving the people of the confederated tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Kathryn lived in Magnolia, Mississippi, with her family. Some of her hobbies included gardening, hiking, kayaking, traditional basket weaving, and cooking with her children. She was an active member of the Student Nursing Organization at SMCC.

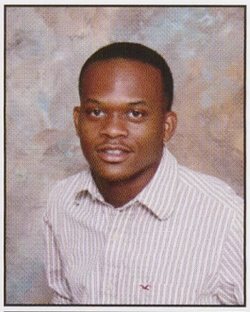
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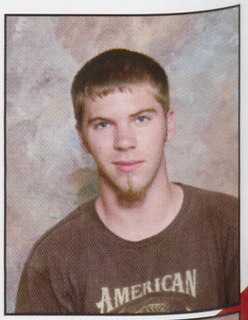
"I have always wanted to become a nurse and prove to myself that I could do it. The program is intense, but my instructors and peers have really been there for me. I know that I will do good things for others with my degree."

-Kathryn Fegan

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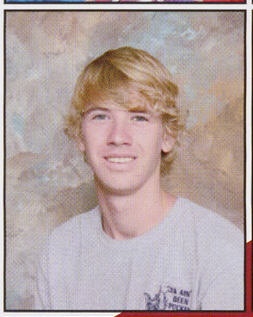
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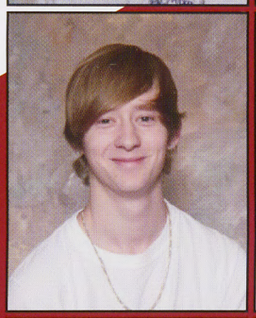
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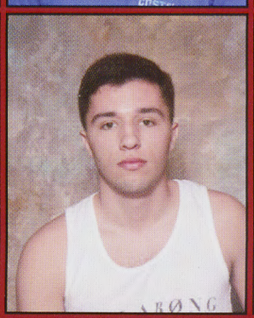




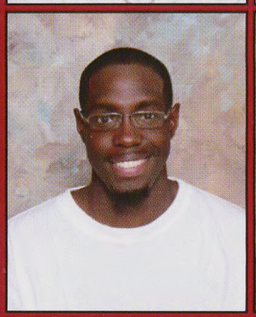


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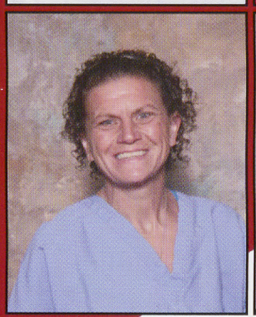
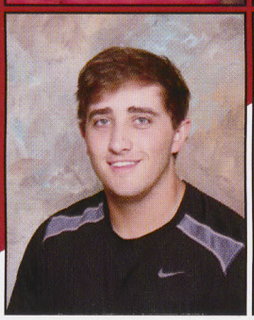

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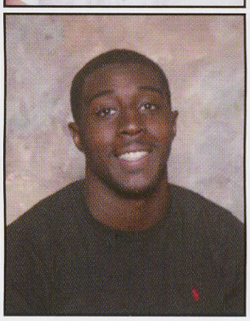






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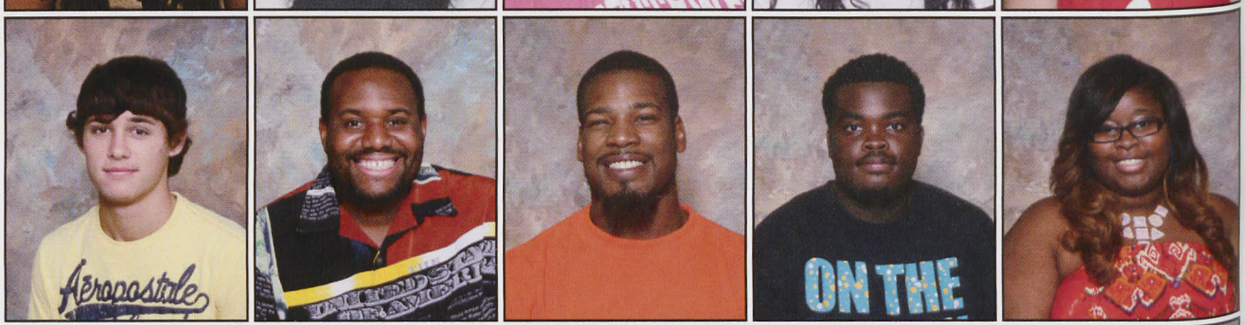
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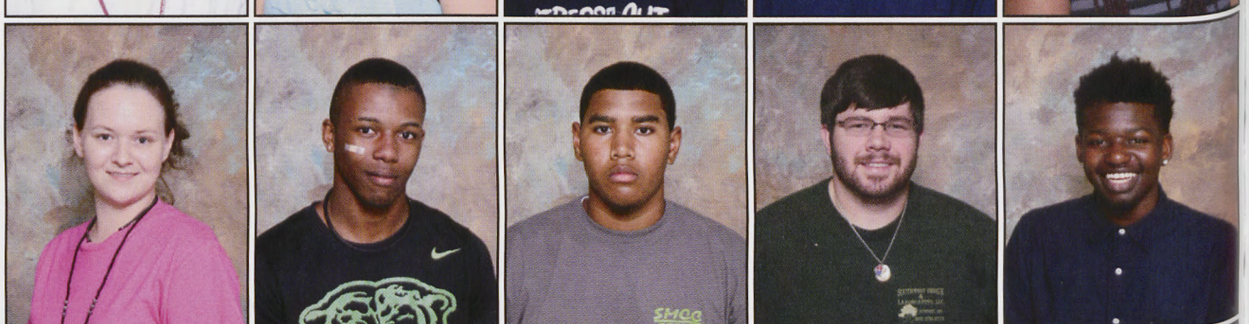
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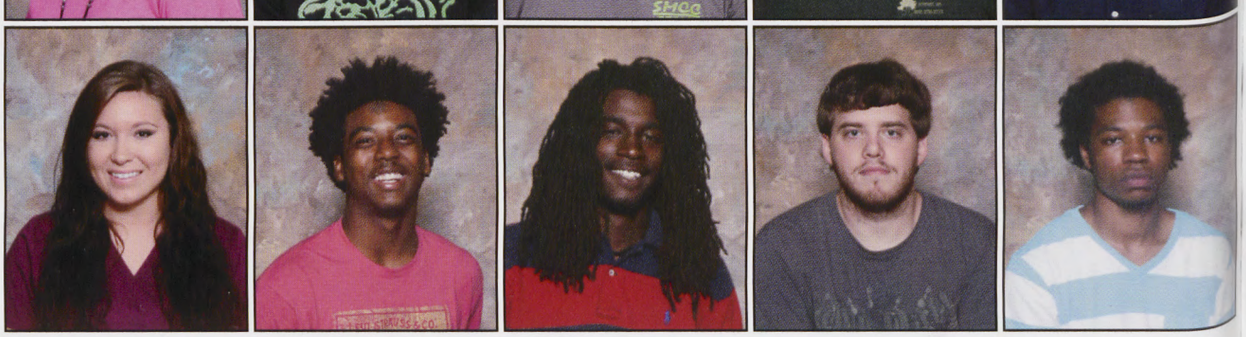
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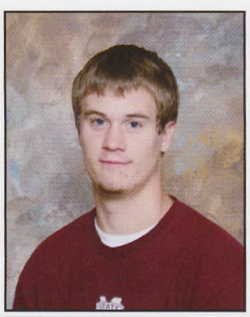
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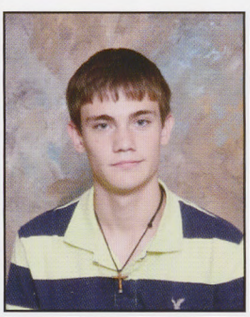
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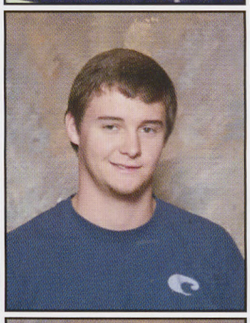





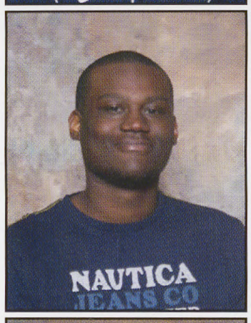

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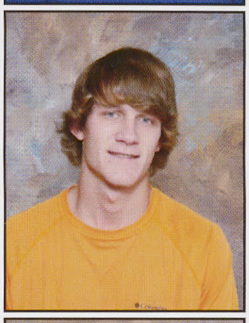
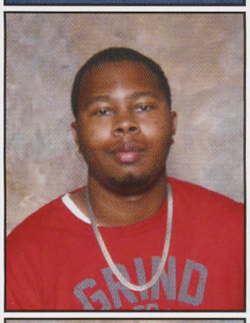




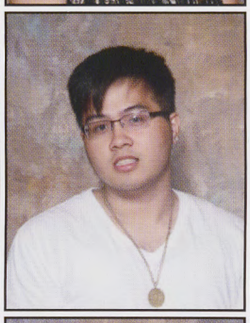



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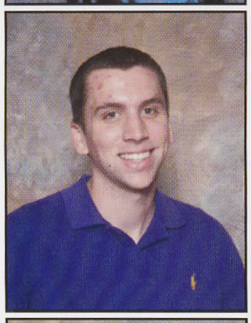





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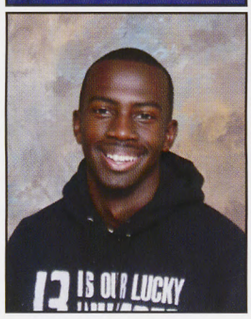

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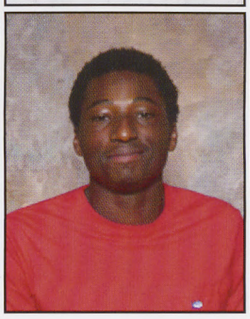






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norwegian finds southwest

marius loekken

Norwegian transfer student Marius Loekken was a determined sopohomore who was eager to both obtain his Associate Degree in Nursing and begin working in the future workplace. His career goals were to become a travel nurse and travel around the world aiding those who were in need of medical assistance. He belonged to the Student Nursing Organization (S.N.O.) and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Some of his hobbies included hiking, canoeing, jogging, and staying outdoors. He and his wife, Alex Michalik-Loekken enjoyed walking with their dogs in uptown Hammond, LA. Marius grew up in Norway most of his life. As a child he envisioned himself as a soccer team player. As an adult, he traveled the world and visited places such as Thailand, Cambodia, Baud, and Asia.

He lived in Hammond, Louisiana, with his wife Alex Michalik-Loekken and commutted to school every day. He chose Southwest as his place of higher learning because he enjoyed how the classes were so small. It allowed him to have one-on-one conversations with his instructors and helped him stay ahead. In 2011, he met Alex working as the manager for the Norwegian pavilion at Ebcot at the Walt Disney Land Resort in Orlando, Florida. In June of 2013, Marius and Alex moved to Hammond, LA, and promptly enrolled in classes at Southwest. After his graduation in May of 2016, Marius then plans to further his education within the state to gain his Bachelor's degree and perhaps his Master's degree in Nursing.

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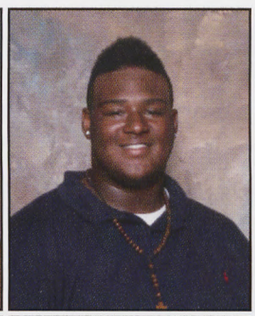
"As I travel the world as a nurse serving others, I will always remember that I received my Associate Degree of Nursing at an unique place. I am very fortunate to have found Southwest."

-Marius Loekken

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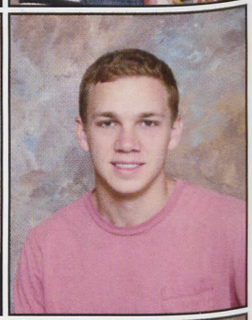



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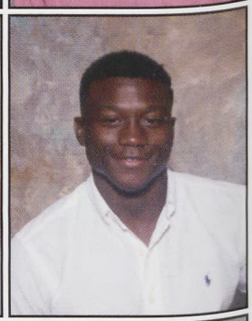




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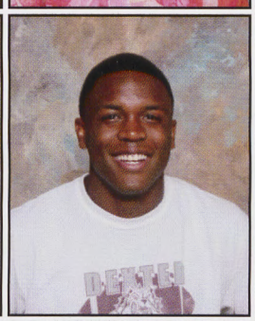






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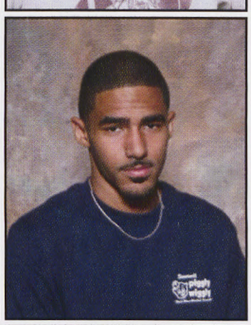


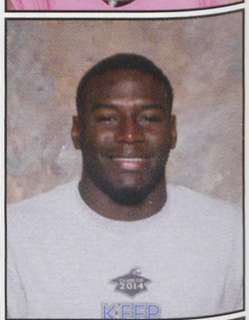




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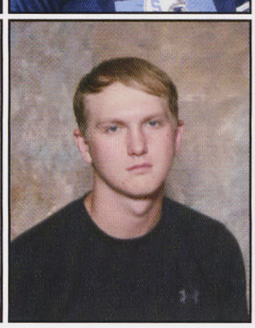




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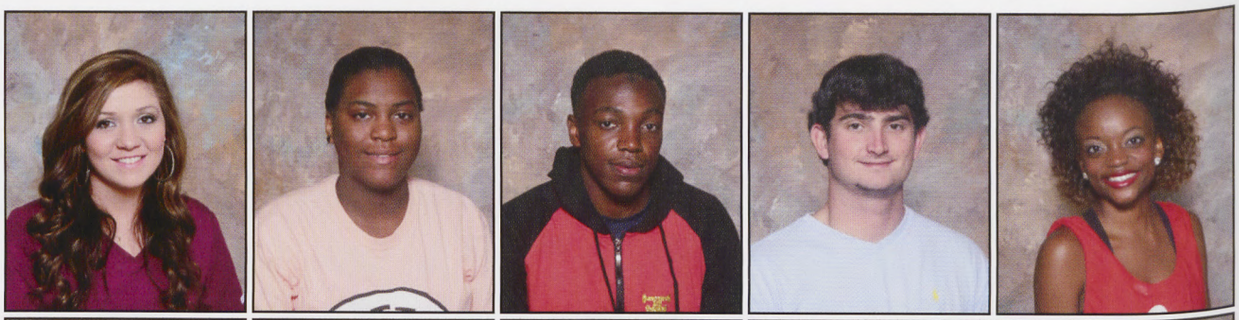
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student travels from honduras

fernando ugarte

It would seem that fate was what brought Fernando Alfredo Ugarte Gomez to Southwest Mississippi Community College. Fernando, a native of Honduras, attended Southwest in hopes of becoming both a representative and well construction technician for Primero Agua, a non-profit organization from Washington, Missouri, that focused on drilling water wells for poverish communities in Honduras. Fernando said, "The Primero Agua (Water First) program has aided me in my search of a degree that best suits my career goals. It would be a pleasure to work for them in the future. The foundation would come twice a year, once in the spring and once in the summer, to drill water wells for the poorer communities in Honduras that did not have that vital source. With their help, I was able to find an educational program that would allow me to drill water wells all year long instead of just two times a year. We started looking at different community colleges around the United States and found Southwest. Southwest was perhaps the only program of well construction technology that offered this type of program in the United States. It was a perfect fit!"

While in Honduras, Fernando married Ana Gabriela Turcias Ramirez and became the father of Fernando Andree Ugarte Turcias. Some of his hobbies included playing soccer, spending time with family, and reading drilling books of which he considered his *Bible*. At Southwest, Fernando worked diligently to obtain his Associate's Degree in Well Construction. Once finished with school, Fernando planned to go back to Honduras and drill water well all year long and provide water for the poverished communities of Honduras. Fernando said that he would like to thank Clinton Dunn, Well Construction Technology intructor, for being more than just a teacher, but a friend and mentor to whom he considered to be a great friend. Without his teaching and encourgament and the help of Primero Agua, Fernando said that he would not have been able to attend Southwest.

by Elizabeth A. Cutrer and Trask Neyland

"Given the opportunity to attend Southwest, I believe that I have learned a great deal about well construction technology that I can take back to my country."

-Fernando Ugarte

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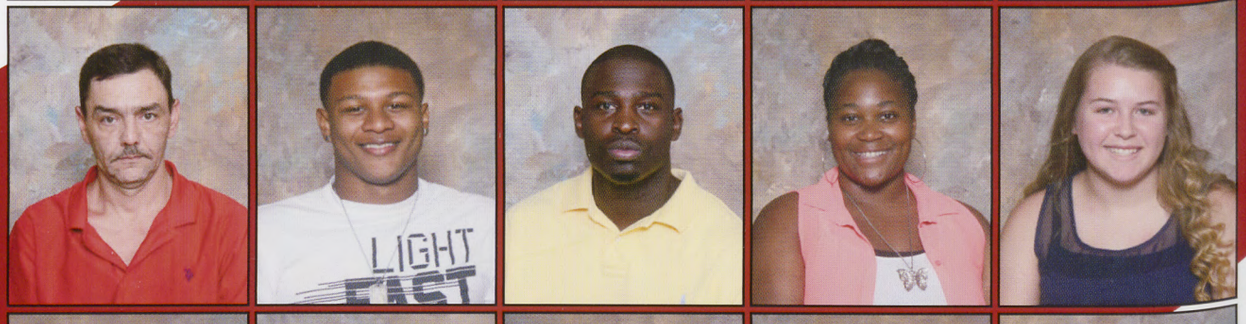
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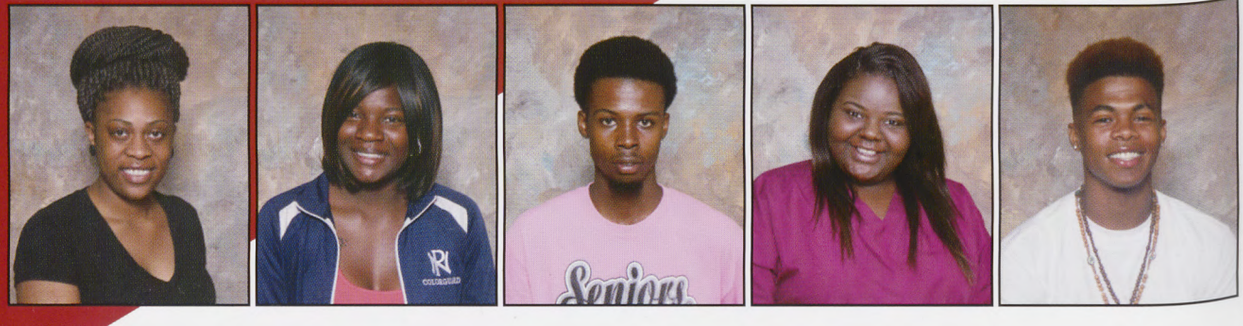
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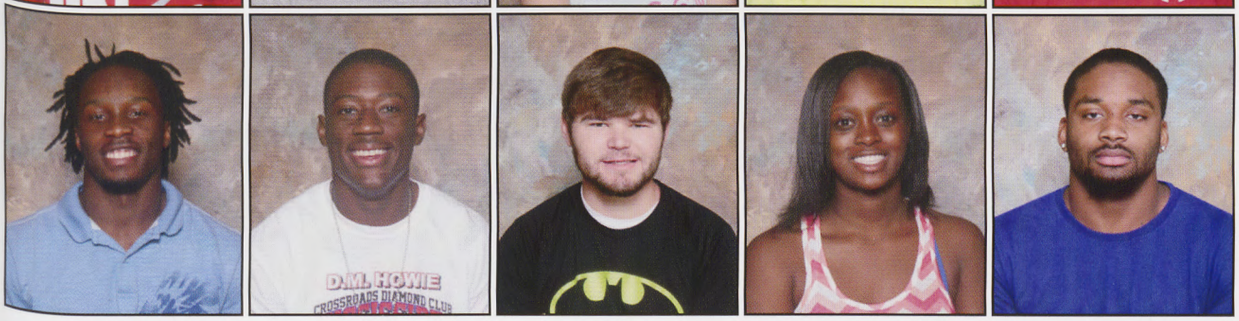
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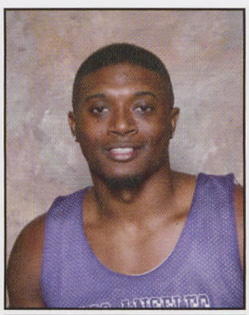
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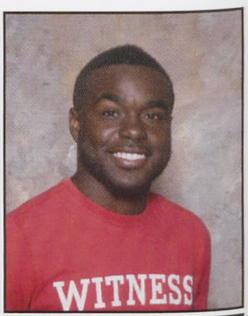


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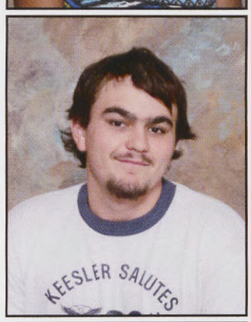
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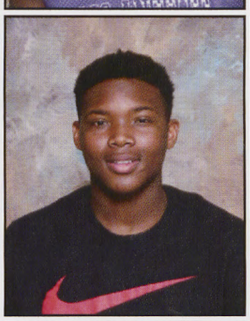
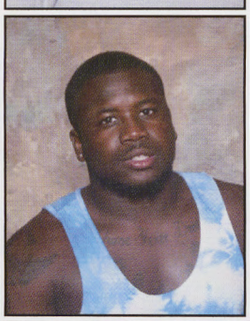
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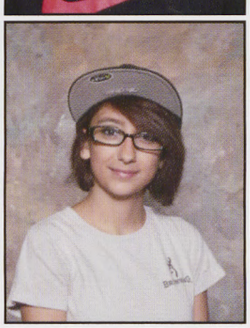
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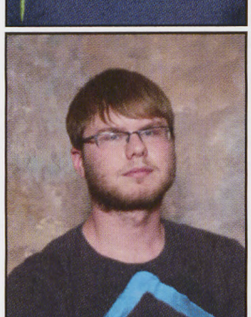

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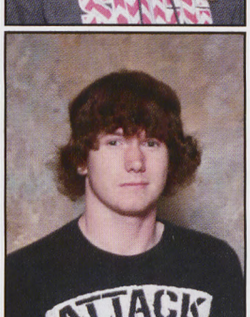


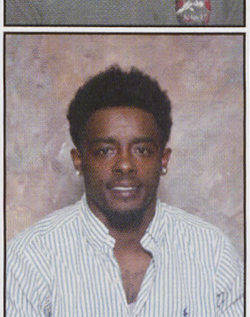
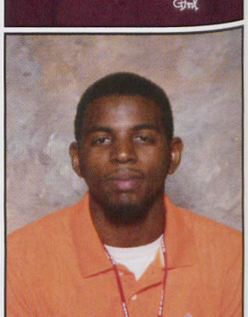




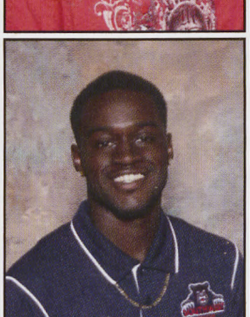
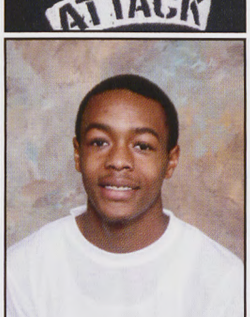
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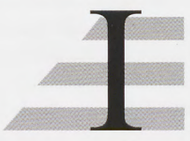
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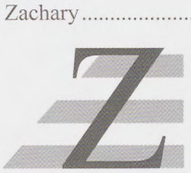
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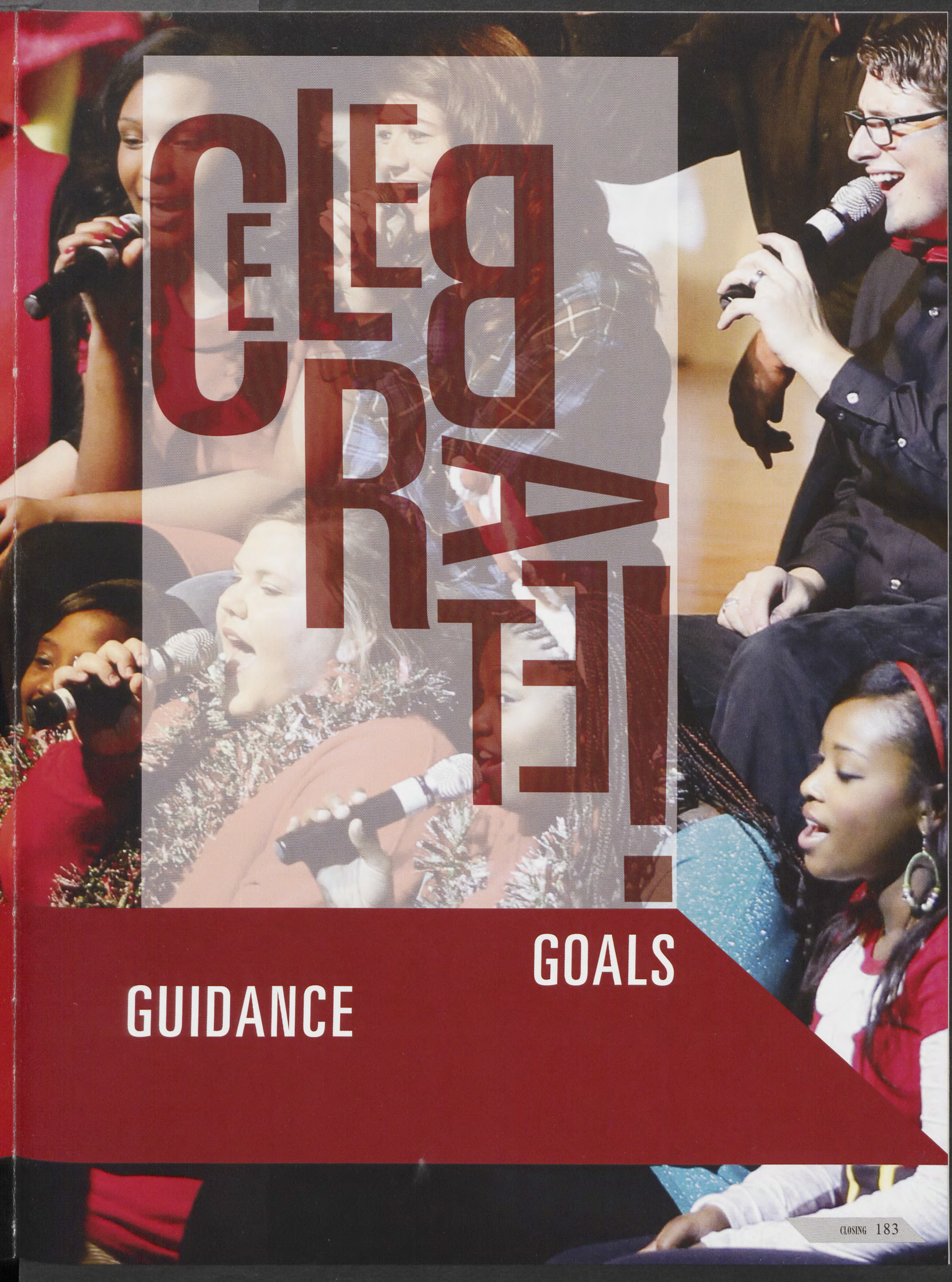
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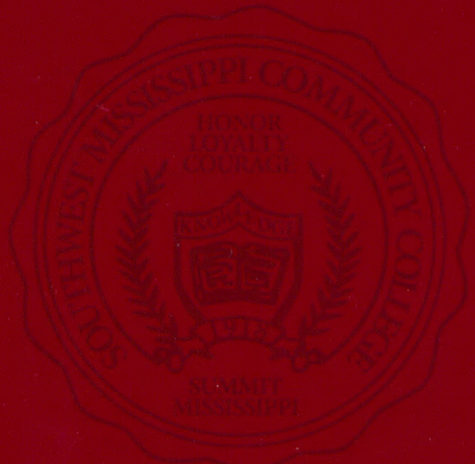
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